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Yatom, deputy expected to get warning letters

By ARNOLD O'SULLIVAN

The Cichanover Committee, which is probing the abortive attempt to assassinate in Jordan Hamas leader Khaled Masha'al, is expected to issue warning letters to Mossad head Danny Yatom and H. Yatom's unofficial deputy and head of Mossad operations, Channel 1 reported.

Both men already have testified, but are likely to be summoned by the committee for further questioning, the week-end report said.

The report came from veteran journalist Amnon Abramowitz, who is considered particularly well-informed on Israel's intelligence community in general, and the Mossad in particular.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who testified before the committee on Friday, reportedly gave full backing to Yatom.

According to the report, the picture emerging from the inquiry into the September 25 debacle in Jordan is of a poorly planned and amateurish operation.

There was no alternate plan put forth in

case the main plan failed and no real plan of escape was made, Channel 1 said.

The assassins reportedly were supposed to have masqueraded as actors in a street theater. They were to have staged a performance near Masha'al and then gotten close enough to clandestinely "brush" him with a toxin that would have killed him days, or even a week later, the TV said.

The plan didn't work, but the would-be assassins smeared the toxin on Masha'al anyway. Masha'al's bodyguard hit one attacker with a newspaper as they fled in

a waiting car, Channel 1 said. They drove for about 300 meters when, unexpectedly, they got out and tried to hail a taxi.

But a Hamas activist who witnessed the event caught up with them and together with a passing off-duty Jordanian policeman succeeded in detaining the Mossad agents, the TV said.

According to the report, it was not even certain whether the toxin would have killed Masha'al even if the operation had proceeded smoothly, since the substance, which had been tested only on

animals, did not always result in their deaths.

Netanyahu told the committee that he approved the assassination plan after he was briefed by Yatom on Masha'al's part in Hamas terrorism, Channel 2 reported. The prime minister reportedly said that carrying it out in Jordan was "unavoidable."

A source in Netanyahu's office said that he handed in all papers in his possession regarding the decision-making process.

Senior aides for Netanyahu wouldn't comment on the television reports.

But spokesman Shai Bazak told Israel Radio that it appeared that Friday's appearance would be Netanyahu's "first and last testimony."

"I have no doubt that when the investigation of the clarification committee appointed by the prime minister concludes, many people who slandered the prime minister will eat their hats," Bazak added.

"Failures happen just as successes happen and we must accept this during our war against terror," he added.

Jay Bushinsky contributed to this report.

2 soldiers hurt in Lebanon

By DAVID RUDGE

Two IDF soldiers were wounded - one seriously - during heavy fighting in south Lebanon early yesterday morning. The previous day, Golani soldiers ambushed and killed three gunmen, apparently from Islamic Jihad.

Sec.-Lt. Eran Halperin was in serious but stable condition in Hatzefa's Rambam Hospital last night. He and the other wounded soldier, both from the Golani Brigade, were part of an infantry unit that was on duty near the Rehan outpost in the security zone's northeastern sector late Friday night.

Around midnight, according to reports from the region, the troops came under fire from light weapons and grenades at close range.

Halperin apparently was hurt in the first burst of fire from what appears to have been an Hezbollah ambush. The troops returned fire, but the gunmen apparently managed to escape unhurt under cover of mortar and recoilless rifle bombardments laid down by Hezbollah squads positioned north of the zone.

Another soldier was hit and lightly injured by the Hezbollah cover fire. IDF and South Lebanese Army gunners responded by blasting suspected Hezbollah positions and infiltration routes north of the zone.

The wounded soldiers were treated in the field and Halperin was later evacuated by helicopter to Rambam Hospital, suffering wounds in the chest and arms. After surgery he was transferred to the hospital's intensive care unit. His condition last night was described as serious but stable.

In response to the attack, IAF warplanes bombed suspected Hezbollah targets early yesterday morning in the Jabal Shafra region, north of the security zone.

Earlier, on Friday night, warplanes struck Ahmed Jibril's PFLP-General Command underground base in Nuweh, south of Beirut. The IDF spokesman said the pilots reported accurate hits and that in both cases all planes returned safely to their bases. There were no reported casualties from the air raids.

Meanwhile, on Friday afternoon, another Golani unit killed three gunmen in an ambush on the perimeter of the security zone.

The operation involved soldiers from the same unit that was caught in the fatal ambush at the end of August in which five soldiers were killed. They opened fire in the Wadi Saluki region, the same area where the earlier tragedy occurred.

The soldiers spotted a squad of three gunmen and opened fire, killing all three.

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US maneuvers in Egypt
An Egyptian armored personnel carrier is unloaded from an air-cushioned American landing craft at Red Beach, 100 kilometers west of Alexandria yesterday, during 'Bright Star 97' maneuvers by the US, Egypt, Great Britain, France, Italy, Kuwait, and the United Arab Emirates. (AP)

Mordechai seeking to take lead in compromise effort on Likud primaries

By SARAH HONIG

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai plans to get all Likud ministers to adopt a unified, "synthesis" stance on whether or not to abandon party primaries.

The Likud arena is expected to heat up this week as the convention steering committee begins its deliberations. The primaries' fate is due to come up before the party convention on November 9.

Mordechai says he "fully trusts" Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's statement that he has not made up his mind. "This is not a simple issue and both the primaries and the previous system of election of candidates by the central committee have their severe drawbacks," the defense minister said.

"Netanyahu and I," he added, "are of one mind here and the best move would be to forge a new synthesis between the two systems and get all the ministers to agree on it in advance, before the convention opens."

A source close to Netanyahu said it is unlikely he would openly support doing away with the primaries. The consensus in the Likud is that the ministers are generally opposed to this, since they are the group which did the best under that system. The ministers are joined by MKs who landed the top slots on the recent Likud slate.

Arguing that the current system unfairly favors incumbent politicians, who are much more intensively covered by the media, MK

Uzi Landau has proposed the convention drop the primaries.

Landau maintains that the current system "will make it impossible for anyone who is not rich or famous to compete successfully and achieve realistic placing on the list of Knesset candidates."

Communications Minister Limor Livnat had spoken of "instructions coming out of [Netanyahu's] bureau, under the direction of [Prime Minister's Office Director-General] Avigdor Lieberman, to move for the abolition of the primaries."

Livnat, who is one of the few ministers who made statements on the controversy, has met with convention delegates in an attempt to dissuade them from supporting Landau's bid.

BACKGROUND

By SARAH HONIG

The pandemonium in the Likud about a possible retreat from the primaries system has less to do with a pro- or anti-Netanyahu alignment than with a variety of groups protecting vested political interests.

The proposal was first made by veteran anti-primaries campaigner MK Uzi Landau, who has put it on the agenda for the Likud convention, which meets next month.

Landau is widely respected across the political spectrum, and is generally seen as impelled by a sense of principle. Still, whatever Landau sets in motion can affect the fortunes of other players in the Likud arena.

Some in the Likud stand to gain by a prospective retreat from the primaries, while the fortunes of others could become decidedly

more vulnerable.

Both sides have an interest in trying to enlist the prime minister's support, or at least in obtaining assurances that he won't throw his weight behind the opposing view.

This is essentially what the latest Likud hullabaloo is all about. Rather than being a Netanyahu initiative, the issue seems to be tug of war, with Netanyahu being pulled in both directions, and possibly being forced to take a position he would rather avoid.

Those whose interests are bound to the primaries fear that convention delegates will jump at the chance to return the clout of electing the party's Knesset list to the 3,000-member central com-

mittee, since convention delegates come from the central committee.

The pro-primaries lobby thus considers the dice loaded against it - unless it can persuade the prime minister to come out on its side.

If he remains neutral or appears such, Netanyahu could be perceived as abetting the anti-primaries cause. That is because it is widely held in both major parties that those who win a safe slot on the Knesset slate in a primary race tend to be less bound to the party's leadership and ideology than they would be if they had been chosen by a central committee.

Ostensible or real indecision by Netanyahu is likely to be interpreted by convention delegates as the official green light to back away from the primaries.

Therefore, the pro-primaries side in the Likud would probably want to make sure that Netanyahu actually sides with it.

Many believe that Netanyahu personally is involved in the effort to dump the primaries - via Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office.

Fearing that Netanyahu may have had enough of the primaries, his objective is to apply enough pressure, if not intimidation, to get Netanyahu to speak out in favor of the system.

Ultimately, Netanyahu may be forced into taking a stand he would prefer to avoid. Yet if he remains silent, the odds will be stacked against the primaries.

Primakov visit to focus on Iran

By JAY BUSHINSKY

Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov's visit here today and tomorrow is expected to focus on the threat to regional stability posed by his country's involvement in Iran's missile buildup.

Official sources said it also will deal with the Middle East peace process, which Moscow and Washington have cosponsored since the 1991 Madrid conference.

Officials here expressed surprise at a Reuters report from Lebanon that Primakov's deputy, Victor Pissavaliuk, had discussed the deployment of Russian troops there after an Israeli withdrawal with Hizbullah leaders.

"Our experience with international groups stationed in Lebanon has not been fortunate," said David Bar-Ilan, communications adviser to Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu has been concerned about Russian firms exporting missile propulsion systems to Iran, as well as the involvement of Russian experts in Iranian attempts to acquire missiles capable of striking Israel.

Netanyahu consulted with Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai, Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon, and Industry and Trade Minister Natan Shtronsky on Friday regarding Primakov's visit. Foreign Ministry Director-General Eitan Bentsur sat in for Foreign Minister David Levy. A second preliminary session is to take place this morning before Primakov's arrival, but it was not certain last night whether Levy would attend.

The Russian diplomat is to confer separately with Netanyahu and Levy and to have a working dinner with Sharon. Among the prospective topics at this session is the possibility of purchasing natural gas from Russia.

Primakov's first day here also will include a session with President Ezer Weizman. The status of Russian Orthodox Church property in Israel and especially areas controlled by the Palestinian Authority may come up, officials said. This subject has been a sore point since the Palestinian Police raided Hebron's

Holy Trinity Monastery last June, expelling the clergy affiliated with the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia and handing it over to the Moscow Patriarchate.

Before proceeding to Ramallah for talks with PA officials tomorrow afternoon, Primakov is to meet with Mordechai, Shtronsky, and Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak.

Primakov began his Middle East tour in Lebanon, proceeding from Beirut to Damascus before flying here.

His Syrian counterpart, Farouk Shara, was quoted by Reuters as saying Syria wants Russia to join the Grapes of Wrath Committee, the multi-national panel set up in 1996 to monitor the hostilities in southern Lebanon.

"From the beginning we wanted Russia to be one of the members," Shara reportedly said. "We tried our best for that and if the issue should arise, we would support Russia's presence." The current members are Israel, the US, Lebanon, Syria, and France.

According to Reuters, Primakov reacted favorably to the Syrian proposal, saying: "Russia is ready to join the monitoring group... We are ready to take part if the different parties express their desire for our participation."

At a Beirut news conference held after his meeting there with Lebanese Foreign Minister Faris Bouez, Primakov said a freeze in the Middle East peace process "might lead to an activation of extremist elements among the parties."

Outlining his government's position, he was quoted as saying: "Russia insists that the peace process in the region resume on the basis of the [1991] conference in Madrid and the land-for-peace principle."

He contended that there would be no peace without progress on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks. Russia's ambassador to Syria was quoted earlier to the effect that Primakov intended to discuss a resumption of talks between Syria and Israel when he met President Hafez Assad in Damascus.

Jordan will be the last stop on Primakov's Middle East tour.

5 killed in Ayalon crash

Five people were killed and five others injured before dawn Friday, when a car crashed into a semi-trailer parked near the Hashalom exit on the Ayalon expressway, then ricocheted back onto the road where it was struck by the car behind it.

The five killed were all riding in the first car. They died instantly, police said, and their bodies were pinned in the wreckage for several hours. The injured were all admitted in satisfactory-to-good condition to Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital.

The five killed were: Gila Pelah, 21, and her brother, Yaniv, 23, both of Netanya; Inbal Boaron, 17, of Netanya; Maya Twizer, 21, of Bat Yam; and Charlie Shetreet, 23, of Netanya.

The injured were: Baruch Pelach, 24, and his wife, Ariela, 24; Linda Cohen, 36; Simha Atiya, 34; and Ori Atiya, 36; all of Netanya.

Gila and Yaniv Pelah, Inbal Boaron, and Charlie Shetreet were buried Friday afternoon in a joint funeral in Netanya, while Maya Twizer was buried in Holon.

The semitrailer driver told police he had driven from Dimona the night before and had pulled off the road to rest.

"I was asleep," he said. "I was tired after the long drive. My cousin and I stopped by the road and went to sleep. The accident occurred and I didn't even wake up."

His cousin woke him and the driver called for help on his cellular phone. The cousin told police the truck's emergency lights were on and it was parked well off the road. Police said they do not know why the first car ran into the parked truck. (11m)

Winning cards

In yesterday's first draw, the winning card was the king of clubs, which was the 9 of diamonds, and the 10 of spades.

In the second draw, the winning card was the king of clubs, which was the 9 of diamonds, and the 10 of spades.

The budget

Following three years of budget cuts, the government is now planning to increase spending. The budget for 1998 is expected to be 1.4% in deficit.

The government is also planning to increase spending on infrastructure and social services.

Mordechai: stick to Wrath

According to recent polls, the Likud party is the most popular in Israel. Mordechai is expected to lead the party in the upcoming elections.

Mordechai is known for his strong stance on security and his commitment to the state of Israel.

NEWS

in brief

Barak meets with Abbas

Labor Party chairman Ehud Barak met last night with Palestinian Authority official Mahmoud Abbas at Kochav Yair. The two discussed the planned meeting between Abbas and Foreign Minister David Levy, Israel Radio reported.

Jerusalem Post Staff

Haredim stone car on Rehov Bar-Ilan

Haredim stoned a car driving down Rehov Bar-Ilan yesterday, lightly wounding its two occupants. After being treated at a Magen David Adom station, the two filed a complaint with police. Meretz Party leader Yossi Sarid and Meretz city council member Ornan Yekutieli said they are considering petitioning the High Court of Justice over the incident, as the car was traveling on the street at a time it was open to traffic.

Izim

Foreign worker stabbed in Old City

A Yugoslav national was stabbed and lightly wounded yesterday in Jerusalem's Old City while wearing a cap inscribed "IDF" police said.

Police said the man, in his mid-30s, was approached by a young Palestinian man who asked him to remove the army-style cap, but he apparently did not understand. The Palestinian then stabbed him and fled. Police said the victim is a foreign worker, doing construction jobs in Netanya and Eilat, and that he was treated for a minor stab wound. Three suspects were picked up for questioning, police said.

AP

Peace Now protests Netanyahu slur

Hundreds demonstrated last night outside the Prime Minister's residence in a protest sponsored by Peace Now against Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's remarks last week that "leftists have forgotten what it is to be Jews."

In a separate protest in Tel Aviv, signs were hoisted alleging that "Bibi is leading us to civil war."

Izim

NII, Income Tax workers renew sanctions

Income Tax Authority and National Insurance Institute workers are to renew work sanctions today. Workers will not receive the public or answer telephones.

Izim

Firebombs, stones thrown at troops

Scores of Palestinians threw stones at IDF troops guarding Rachel's Tomb near Bethlehem yesterday afternoon. The IDF Spokesman said troops used gas and rubber bullets to disperse the rioters, and there were no injuries.

Last night two firebombs were thrown at IDF troops near Tel Rumeida in Hebron; on Friday evening three firebombs were thrown at Israeli vehicles in the Kalkilya area; and on Thursday night a pipe bomb was thrown at IDF troops near the Yakobia School in Hebron. No one was injured in any of the incidents and no damage was reported.

Margot Dudkevitch

LEBANON

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Military sources in Northern Command said the ambush was part of the IDF's ongoing policy to hit terrorists as far as possible from Israel's border. The sources stressed that such operations would continue in the security zone, on its northern perimeter and beyond.

Initially, it was believed that the gunmen killed were from Hizbullah. Afterwards, however, Islamic Jihad claimed in Beirut that its members had been involved in an operation in that area.

Ramadan Abdallah Salah, a leader of Islamic Jihad, said the

operation was in revenge for the assassination of the group's former head, Fathi Shkaki, in Malta two years ago. Salah, who spoke at a congress in Beirut attended also by Hizbullah and Hamas representatives, said Islamic Jihad was working to liberate all of Palestine.

Fighting continued in south Lebanon yesterday morning with a Hizbullah mortar attack on an IDF position in the security zone's western sector.

Some damage was caused to the outpost, but there were no casualties. IDF gunners returned fire.

There were also long-range attacks launched against SLA outposts in the security zone over the weekend, none causing any casualties or damage.

IDF inquiry: Soldier played with rocket that killed him

By ARNOLD O'SULLIVAN

The army said Friday that the 18-year-old soldier who died 11 days ago when an anti-tank rocket lodged inside his body had been "playing" with it.

The soldier, Ariel Shane, was the son of Ruth and Paul Shane of Beersheba, who made aliyah from the US in the mid-1970s.

Shane was said to be a conscientious, very disciplined soldier, who was marked for a tank commanders' course. The IDF inquiry into the October 15 incident was headed by a colonel and submitted its findings to OC Central Command Maj. Gen. Uzi Dayan.

According to the findings, the army put the direct cause of the accident on Shane, saying he had been playing with the LAW anti-tank rocket while he was guarding the ammunition bunker on his Jordan Valley Armored Corps base.

The inquiry also said Shane was a "good and disciplined" soldier. The army said Shane has since ordered stricter storage procedures for explosives and ammunition to reduce the possibility of playing with them.

He also ordered soldiers be lectured against playing with weapons or ammunition.

Sources said the missile storage facility on the base was locked, but

that there were at least half a dozen defective missiles, including an opened LAW rocket, in open crates outside the bunker.

Prior to the accident, base commanders were warned the ammunition storage area was not safe.

The Shane family heard of the inquiry results from the radio. "The army didn't even have the minimum courtesy to inform the family of the inquiry results and they had to hear it from the radio," said one source. "They are going to pin everything on a dead 18-year-old. But if I were the army I wouldn't have allowed an opened, defective missile not to be held under lock and key."

The LAW missile is used by infantry; armor recruits like Shane are not trained on the missile and are not familiar with its operation.

Shane had been taken to a hospital in an IAF helicopter while the live missile was still lodged in his body, but the inquiry found nothing wrong with this, nor with the medical treatment he received.

After failing to resuscitate Shane, doctors at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem moved his body to a parking lot, where they guided sappers as they removed the 50-centimeter-long missile.

The IDF Spokesman said the Military Police is continuing its investigation of the accident.



Palestinian protesters call for release of prisoners

Border police hold back Palestinians protesting for the release of Palestinian prisoners and improved prison conditions yesterday in Jerusalem. Protests also were staged in Hebron, Bethlehem and Nablus, where protesters marched to the offices of the International Red Cross and presented a letter asking the organization to help them in their quest for the prisoners' freedom. There were reports that two protesters were wounded in clashes with security forces in Bethlehem.

(Reuters)

UN: Few countries want debate on West Bank, Gaza

By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK — Only a minority of the parties to the Fourth Geneva Convention, which bars settlement in occupied territory, appears to favor holding a conference on enforcing the convention in Israeli-held areas, according to a UN report.

Dore Gold, Israel's ambassador to the UN, has asked parties to a conference, saying none has been held since the Geneva

Convention was adopted in 1949. For example, he said, the UN shunned such conferences regarding conflicts in Vietnam and Afghanistan.

The report by Secretary-General Kofi Annan, which was released Tuesday, came in response to a resolution that was adopted in July by an emergency session of the General Assembly. The resolution, which passed 131-3, recommended that UN members "actively discourage" Israeli settlement-building in

occupied territories.

The resolution also recommended holding a conference on the Fourth Geneva Convention to enforce international rules for the protection of civilians in wartime, referring to Palestinians in Israeli-held territory, including Jerusalem. Israel, the US, and Micronesia voted against the resolution.

The emergency session was convened, first in April and again in July, after the US twice thwarted Security Council resolutions that

would have condemned Israel for the building project on Har Homa.

Twenty-nine of the 188 parties to the Geneva Convention favor holding a conference to discuss its application in territories occupied by Israel, said Annan's report, which was based on information provided by the observer Swiss government, which canvassed the parties. Only 53 states sent written replies, 29 of which were in favor of convening a conference, the Swiss said, without identifying the countries.

Strains reported in US-Egypt ties over cooperation with Israel

By DOUGLAS DAVIS

LONDON — A strain in relations between Washington and Cairo — described by some Arab commentators as a "crisis" — has reportedly been caused by US pressure on Egypt to engage in three-way security cooperation involving Israel.

The London-based Arabic newsweekly *Al-Wasat* reported this week that Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak is also uneasy about Washington's nomination of Daniel Kurtzer, a Yeshiva University graduate, to replace Edward Walker as ambassador to Cairo.

Mubarak charged last week that the CIA was putting pressure on him to release Azzam Azzam, an Israeli convicted of spying. He claimed that Egyptian agents were accused of abducting a prominent Libyan dissident in 1993 and turning him over for execution.

Mubarak counter-charged that North Korea's former ambassador to Cairo, who defected to the United States in August, was mysteriously spirited out of the country by the Americans.

And, Mubarak reportedly suggested, the Americans may have done the same to Libyan dissident, Mansour al-Kikhaia, who went missing in the Egyptian capital four years ago.

"After the Azzam crisis, [the Americans] began raising other strange issues, too," Mubarak complained. "How can there be friendship [between us] when every now and then they raise another issue against us?" he asked.

Mubarak also alleged there were attempts to sideline Egypt's role in the peace process and

countered that without Egypt "peace cannot proceed."

In its Cairo-dated report, *Al-Wasat* reported that the crisis in US-Egypt relations was likely to worsen, citing an exchange of strongly worded messages between US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Mousa.

Albright reportedly warned that Washington would view an Egyptian boycott of next month's Middle East and North African economic conference in Doha — or its participation at less than foreign minister level — as a serious mistake.

According to the weekly, Cairo recently turned down several requests from Washington for cooperation in fighting terrorism and striving to curb the proliferation of long-range missiles.

The US reportedly showed its irritation in media reports accusing Egypt of breaching UN sanctions against Libya, of playing an obstructive role in the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks, of acquiring Scud missiles from North Korea, and discriminating against the Coptic Christian minority.

There have also reportedly been suggestions that the US might cut its annual \$2 billion aid package to Egypt.

The dispute, *Al-Wasat* said, was likely to be exacerbated by Kurtzer's nomination to replace Walker, who has been named ambassador to Israel. Kurtzer is currently the acting assistant secretary for intelligence and research.

Kurtzer is regarded as an architect of the concept of securing Washington's interests in the Middle East by expanding NATO and tightening blockades on Iran, Libya and Iraq to make it easier

for Washington to promote the peace process.

Kurtzer, according to *Al-Wasat*, contributed to formulating this doctrine at the start of Clinton's second term, along with National Security Adviser Sandy Berger, Secretary Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen — all of whom the paper mistakenly identifies as Jews.

The paper also charges that Kurtzer coordinated efforts to spirit the former North Korean ambassador out of Cairo, taking with him files regarding cooperation between Pyongyang and Middle Eastern countries on long-range Scud missiles.

Clinton, it added, announced Kurtzer's nomination after Israel received information that Washington gleaned from the North Korean envoy's files.

More importantly, reported *Al-Wasat*, Kurtzer is in charge of implementing a US-Israeli security pact on combating terrorism and safeguarding Israeli security. The agreement was drawn up by Clinton and then-Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres in Jerusalem a day after the Sharm al-Sheikh anti-terrorism summit in March 1996.

Washington's recent request to turn the agreement into a three-way pact, was unacceptable to Cairo, *Al-Wasat* said.

The agreement provides for cooperation and the exchange of intelligence between the United States and Israel on surface-to-surface missiles, sophisticated conventional weapons and non-conventional weapons, as well as terrorism.

Mubarak said at a meeting with army chiefs in Ismailiya last week that Egypt would not accept "pressures and arm-twisting."

PA slammed for ban on visiting prisoners

By STEVE RODAN

A human rights group said yesterday the Palestinian Authority is preventing attorneys from visiting clients held in the facility operated by the PA General Intelligence Service (GIS), despite a Palestinian High Court order.

The general director of LAW, the Palestinian Society for the Protection of Human Rights and the Environment, Khader Shkirat, said he was told this on Thursday by GIS chief Col. Tawfiq Tirawi.

"I tried to speak to him using quiet diplomacy," he said. "I explained the obstacles and he said nobody in your organization can visit and you can do what you want."

Shkirat said Tirawi informed him of the ban after LAW's nine attorneys and staffers were for four months denied permission to visit clients held in the colonel's prisons. The attorney said LAW represents 30 detainees being held in Tirawi's facilities, about 30 percent of those now imprisoned by the GIS.

The group said Shkirat was threatened last February by Tirawi after the attorney tried to see his client in a GIS facility.

The latest case where LAW was unable to visit a detainee was in the arrest on September 23 of Mahmoud Muslih.

Muslih, a 56-year-old teacher, was one of about 100 suspected Hamas activists arrested in the PA crackdown on the Islamic organization in September.

their clients.

The group called for a letter-writing campaign to PA Chairman Yasser Arafat, Attorney-General Fayez Abu Rahme, and Justice Minister Freih Abu Meiden.

The group said it has not succeeded in convincing Abu Rahme and other officials to take action.

On September 29, the Palestinian High Court demanded an explanation from Abu Rahme for the arrest and continued detention of Muslih.

Shkirat said earlier this month the court ruled that Muslih's attorney can be allowed to visit his client, but Tirawi has ignored the decision.

Other human rights activists disputed Shkirat's assertion and said the High Court never made such a ruling. They said Abu Rahme has not yet responded to the court's demand to explain Muslih's arrest.

The High Court, however, has refused a similar appeal.

On October 6, the court in Gaza ruled that it had no jurisdiction in the case of Fathi Subuh, a professor of Al-Azhar University, arrested on July 2 and held since then without charges.

Subuh was arrested after he gave his students a test which included questions regarding corruption in the university and the PA.

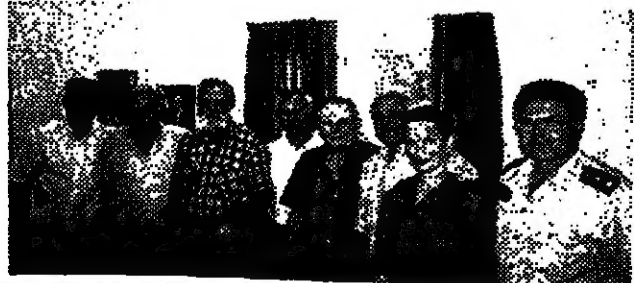
The High Court classified Subuh a security prisoner and said that jurisdiction lies with the State Security Court, established in 1995 as a tool for fighting terrorism.

A spokesman for Tirawi said the colonel was not available for comment.

AMIT greets the delegates to the Healthy Cities Project Conference
WELCOME TO AMIT BEIT HAYELED - GILO!
Mazal Tov to
Batya Waschitz, Conference Coordinator

LIBI - The Fund for Strengthening Israel's Defense
CEREMONY RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE PETAH TIKVA "TEAM"

"LIBI" THE FUND FOR STRENGTHENING ISRAEL'S DEFENCE recently held a ceremony to express appreciation for the members of "Zevet" in Petah Tikva, headed by Mr. Benny Friedman, which organized a successful fund raising evening in aid of the "LIBI" Fund for Education in Israel's Defence Forces. The affair was held at the Gan Halutis Halls in Petah Tikva, and donated by Mr. Ze'ev Armer. The Chairman of Libi, Major General (reserves) Danny Matt expressed thanks and presented a gift to Mr. Benny Friedman and Mr. Ze'ev Armer.



Picture (left to right): David Avri, member of the "Zevet" Board; Benny Friedman, Chairman of "Zevet" Petah Tikva; Major General (res.) Danny Matt, Chairman of Libi; Ze'ev Armer and Yashov Kir, David Tid, members of the Board of "Zevet"; Major Drori Rozenbaum-Golding; Colonel Meir Blak, Commander of the "Libi" Fund.

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مركز التجميل

Qatar: More than 500 firms plan to attend eco conference

US gun-import ban unlikely to affect Uzis

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — More than 500 companies will attend the economic conference here next month that several Arab states are boycotting, the Qatari chamber of commerce said yesterday.

Speaking to a gathering of businessmen, the vice chairman of the Qatari Chamber of Commerce, Saleh Mubarak Ali-Khulaifi, said the Middle East and North Africa summit to be held in Doha on November 16-18 had drawn wide interest from companies in the Middle East and beyond.

Qatar's foreign minister, Sheikh Jassim bin Jabor Al-Thani, told

the businessmen that the MENA conference was not just for governments, but also for the private sector.

"The government and the private sector will take the utmost advantage of this international opportunity to increase the amount of foreign investment in Qatar," Sheikh Jassim said.

Many Arab states have decided to boycott the summit, which is designed to promote trade and cooperation among Israel and the Arab states.

Led by Syria, the boycotting states have argued that Arab par-

ticipation amounts to rewarding the policies of Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, whom they blame for stalling the peace process.

Jordan, Oman and Yemen have said they will attend the conference.

But Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates have said they will boycott it.

Unable to agree on a common position, the 22-member Arab League has said it is up to individual nations to decide whether they will participate.

The US has urged Arab countries to attend.

Robert Pelletreau, a retired US undersecretary of state for near eastern affairs, arrived in Doha yesterday for a conference on security in the Gulf. He is expected to emphasize the importance of Arab participation in MENA.

In a recent article in the London-published Arabic newspaper, *Al-Hayat*, Pelletreau said that the "the number of businessmen [expected at the MENA] had superseded that of politicians, and business cards were more important than passports."

By MARILYN HENRY

After a clamor in the Senate over the import of Uzis into the US, President Bill Clinton is expected to limit the entry of foreign assault-style weapons that have been modified to circumvent a federal ban. The Israeli weapons, however, do not appear to be affected, according to the White House.

Clinton is expected to sign, within a week, a directive that would suspend pending and future applications to import modified assault weapons, White House officials told *The Los Angeles Times* this week.

The move did not satisfy California Democrat Dianne Feinstein, who wants him to immediately halt the import of all assault weapons, including those — like the Uzis — with valid federal permits.

"It's virtually worthless if it does not include pending imports," Feinstein said. "That's the whole purpose; to stop these weapons from coming into the country."

The US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms issued the import permit to TAAS-Israel Industries for the commercial sale of thousands of Uzis and Galils.

The Israeli weapons have been sufficiently modified to meet the requirements for import into the US under the 1994 law, the ATF said.

However, Feinstein said, the weapons may violate a 1968 gun control law, which allows the import of only those firearms "generally recognized as particularly suitable for, or readily adaptable to, sporting purposes."

Led by Feinstein, 30 senators asked Clinton last month to

block the import of the Israeli weapons and to suspend imports of all semiautomatic weapons, saying that foreign arms-makers were exploiting loopholes in a 1994 assault weapons ban by making only cosmetic changes in the weapons.

"The weapons planned for export to the United States by a government-owned Israeli gun manufacturer are functionally no different than the military-style weapons Congress intentionally banned," the senators' letter said.

Feinstein also appealed to Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to "personally intervene" to halt the export.

Since asking Netanyahu, Feinstein has also appealed to the leaders of Bulgaria, Greece, and Russia to halt the export of military-style assault weapons from state-supported arms-makers.



Reservists demand Netanyahu step down
Reserve soldiers pose with a placard reading "Reservists against Bibi" on Friday as they call for Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu to resign following his comment last week that the Left has forgotten what it means to be Jewish. (Yael Somech/Israel Sun)

US Jews pledge \$18m. to fight assimilation, boost education

By MARILYN HENRY

American philanthropists and business leaders are seeking to prop up Jewish education in North America, pledging \$18 million over the next five years to promote Jewish schools and fend off assimilation.

The plan is for the new group, called the Partnership for Excellence in Jewish Education, to eventually provide "seed money" for up to 30 Jewish elementary and middle schools. The recipients will be required to match the grants.

Jewish education is seen as the Diaspora's primary weapon against assimilation and intermarriage. There are some 700 Jewish day schools in North America, with a total of about 200,000 students.

The average tuition in the US, outside of New York, is \$5,000 a year. In the New York area, the annual fees may exceed \$12,000. The cost of Jewish education tends to have a ripple effect on domestic Jewish social services and overseas aid.

It is widely believed that families whose children attend Jewish day schools are too strapped to donate to other Jewish causes. At the communal level, financing for education programs has been siphoning funds from traditional American Jewish aid to Israel.

American Jewish children reportedly have the lowest rate of Jewish education of any Diaspora community. Only 45 percent of American Jewish children are enrolled in any Jewish educational

program, according to the weekly *Forward*. The number of children enrolled in Sunday schools and synagogue-based supplemental schools has fallen by 12% since 1988, the *Forward* reported in last week's editions.

The day-school benefactors include investor Michael Steinhardt; Charles and Edgar Bronfman, of Seagram; Erica and Michael Jesselson, of New York; Henry Taub, chief executive of professional basketball's New Jersey Nets; Billie Gold, of the United Jewish Appeal-Federation of New York; Jim Joseph, founder of Interland Corporation; Morton Mandel, founder of Premier Industrial Corporation; Charles Schusterman, chairman of Samsco Investment; and Leslie Wexner, a clothing retailer.

Public hospitals plan to strike on Tuesday as IMA renews sanctions

By JUDY SEGAL

All public general hospitals will be run on an emergency schedule on Tuesday due to a 24-hour strike by members of the Israel Medical Association. The strike was called to protest the Treasury's refusal to carry out an agreement it signed in March to finance an additional 1,200 hospital beds in pediatric, internal medicine and surgical wards and 360 more doctors' slots during the next few years.

In addition, on Thursday all operating theaters will be closed, except for emergency surgery, if

the government hasn't fulfilled the agreement by then.

The IMA is thus resuming sanctions which it carried out for three weeks before Rosh Hashana but then suspended to give time for negotiations during the holidays.

However, IMA chairman Dr. Yoram Blachar said Friday that the talks were fruitless and that there was no choice but to resume the labor unrest.

He accused the Treasury of "a lack of honesty" in its negotiations with the doctors.

On Tuesday, all but emergency operations will be cancelled in

public general hospitals; outpatient clinics and diagnostic institutes will shut down; and only the minimum number of physicians will be on the wards.

Aside from the one-day strike on Tuesday, the IMA said it was immediately instituting "safe and proper medicine" practices, in which doctors would not discharge patients before they are fully recovered. This policy, which is not ordinarily carried out in public hospitals due to budgetary constraints, will inevitably cause overcrowding and prevent new admissions.

US legislators slam Malaysian PM's antisemitism

By TOM TUGEND

LOS ANGELES — California legislators have vigorously protested remarks by the prime minister of Malaysia, who recently blamed the weakening of his country's currency on a Jewish conspiracy.

In a speech to 10,000 followers, Mahathir Mohamad singled out financier George Soros as aiding a suspected Jewish agenda to destabilize the currency and block the progress of Moslems.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, in a speech read into the Congressional Record, said she was shocked by Mahathir's "patently outrageous, hateful, and blatantly antisemitic" remarks.

Boxer, a Democrat, demanded an immediate apology from the prime minister.

Rep. Howard Berman declared in a telephone interview that, "After years of efforts to encourage American investments and technological aid for Malaysia, the prime minister's vicious and insulting outbursts will have profoundly negative effects."

Berman, who visited Malaysia last November as the ranking Democratic member of the House International Relations Committee's Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific, promised his constituency that "I won't let

this issue die."

Berman's letter of protest was also signed by Doug Bereuter (R-Nebraska), chairman of the subcommittee, as well as by Benjamin Gilman (R-NY) and Lee Hamilton (D-Indiana), chairman and ranking member respectively of the International Relations Committee.

Earlier, Mahathir also came under attack from the Anti-Defamation League and the Simon Wiesenthal Center.

ADL national director Abraham Foxman said that Mahathir's statement was "consistent with his long record of antisemitism and belief in a Jewish conspiracy to bring about the downfall of Malaysia."

Rabbi Abraham Cooper, associate dean of the Wiesenthal Center, charged that by playing "the stereotypical racist card, [the prime minister] will only bolster extremist forces throughout the Moslem world."

Mahathir's remarks were also sharply criticized by the opposition parties inside Malaysia, after which the prime minister claimed that he had been misquoted by his country's newspapers.

Islam is the official state religion of Malaysia, whose population has a slight Moslem majority.

The country has no diplomatic ties with Israel and Israeli travelers are not admitted.

HEBREW PRESS REVIEW

The controversial proposal to abandon the primaries and return to the elections via the central committee in the Likud, in addition to the speculation regarding Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's preference for this, preoccupied this weekend's Hebrew press.

"It is difficult to assess whether Netanyahu is displaying his already proven talent at aiming the gun at his own legs or whether there is a hint that early elections are approaching," *Ma'ariv's* Chemi Shalev writes, adding that Netanyahu aspires to take control over the list of Likud candidates for the next Knesset. Shalev states that it is bad timing to raise the issue now, as the coalition is ruptured and Netanyahu needs all the support and loyalty he can get.

In *Yediot Aharonot*, Bina Barzel states that Netanyahu is aware of the advantages and disadvantages of both systems, but his contemplating the idea of abandoning the primaries may be interpreted by MKs and top Likud officials as an "attempt to work behind their backs... launching a conspiracy against them." She adds that "Netanyahu has a unique talent for setting fires in places where one must beware of igniting matches."

"Avigdor Lieberman, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, seeks to present his candidacy for the next Knesset election... while Netanyahu seeks to prevent a courtyard uprising," states Ya'acov Yitzhak for *Ma'ariv*. He adds that the way to achieve these is by "abandoning the primaries where every member has a right to vote and to transfer the power of decision to the hands of the central committee, [Netanyahu's] allies."

Ma'ariv's Yossi Verter states, "In his dreams, Netanyahu views the party center as a big chess

board, where the candidates for the next Knesset are standing and he does what he wants with them: promotes, regresses and throws out."

Incitement

Netanyahu's loud whisper to Rabbi Yitzhak Kadouri, claiming that the Left has "forgotten what it means to be Jews and that they think that our security should be in the hands of the Arabs," made its way to the media, provoking extensive responses.

In *Ha'aretz*, Dan Margalit writes that not only is the remark an incitement, "but also an expression of something deeper, instilled in a prime minister who is an outcast, and who is forced to rely on an approach that glorifies and uplifts his political solitude."

Uri Elizur writes in *Yediot* that he fails to understand the media fuss concerning the affair.

"Only in the Israeli press, can such a non-event make headlines," Elizur writes, adding that "the Hebrew press has once again compromised its credibility... in launching its attack against Netanyahu."

Barak's Finklestein

In an article for *Ma'ariv* entitled "Do you want to be my Arthur?" Eli Kamir profiles Peter Mendelson, who might become the Labor Party's answer to Likud campaign adviser Arthur Finklestein. Mendelson served as British Prime Minister Tony Blair's campaign adviser.

Kamir sketches the similarities between Finklestein and Mendelson, describing Mendelson as "a combination of Arthur Finklestein and Avigdor Lieberman."

According to *Yediot's* Plotzker, "Ehud Barak is much brighter, more intelligent, deep and unexpected than the slogans that he releases; Barak the talker does an awful injustice to Barak the thinker."

Dr. Yairiv Ben Elizur declares in *Ma'ariv* that one of the reasons that the foreign advisers are so successful in Israel lies in the "belief that Israel is behind in her knowledge and experience of political marketing."

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Mandela wants 'neutral' trial for PanAm suspects

EDINBURGH, Scotland (AP) — Confronting the United States and Britain, South African President Nelson Mandela said yesterday that Libyan suspects in the bombing of a Pan Am jet over Scotland should be tried in a neutral venue.

Mandela, who visited Libya before coming here for a Commonwealth summit, also refused to confirm or deny whether he is acting as a mediator to get a trial outside Britain.

"I have never thought in dealing with the question that it is correct for any country to be the complainant, the prosecutor and the judge at the same time," said Mandela.

He spoke at a news conference on the second day of the summit of the 54-nation Commonwealth, which groups Britain and ex-colonies.

Two Libyans have been indicted in the United States and Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie. A total of 270 people, mostly Americans

and Britons, died in the disaster. Libya says the suspects stand no chance of a fair trial in Scotland or the United States and has offered to surrender them for a Scottish-style trial in a neutral country — an offer rejected by Britain and the United States.

Despite anxiety not to damage relations with the internationally respected Mandela, Britain has reiterated its position here, offering to have African and Arab observers at a Scottish trial.

Canadian officials here, speaking on condition of anonymity, have criticized Mandela's pre-summit trip to Libya and two other north African countries, Egypt and Tunisia.

On the way home, Mandela is scheduled to visit another North African country, Morocco.

Asked by a South African reporter if he is on a mediation mission, Mandela said he could reply either that as a mediator he should not discuss the matter publicly, or he could deny he was mediating.

"Well, young lady, you can choose the answer that suits you better," said Mandela, 78.

In Libya, Mandela called for an end to UN Security Council sanctions, supported by Western nations and aimed at forcing Libya to hand over the suspects. The sanctions prohibit arms sales to Libya, ban flights to and from the country, and limit diplomatic contacts.

Relatives of Britons who died in the crash want a neutral venue as the best chance of bringing the Libyans to court, and a group is coming to Edinburgh hoping to meet Mandela.

Mandela said relatives of some of the American victims also now want a neutral venue and have lobbied President Clinton.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said Britain was "absolutely confident that it would be a fair, open trial in Scotland." "Scotland was where the murders took place, Scotland is the place where the trial should happen," he said.



Clinton Conducts

US President Bill Clinton prepares to conduct the National Symphony Orchestra Friday in a rendition of John Phillip Sousa's 'Stars and Stripes Forever,' to close a performance at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington. The President conducted the final encore to celebrate the center's re-opening following renovations. (AP)

Ukraine's last Jewish shtetl nears its end

By SERGEI SHARGORODSKY

SHARGOROD, Ukraine (AP) — A name like Sergei Shargorodsky is a passport in Shargorod. Locals immediately start wondering whether you're related to that man who lives on Karl Marx Street, or maybe the woman over on Lenin Street.

You try to explain that your ancestors came from Shargorod, that you've never been here before, that you don't know — but the words go unheeded. Maybe some distant, unknown relatives live here, the old people helpfully suggest. "We have some Shargorodskys here," says Maria Yakovlevna, an elderly woman tending Shargorod's Jewish cemetery.

The tombstones are everywhere. Old ones just out of the high grass at awkward angles. The graves overlook the green rolling hills — Ukraine's blood-soaked black earth under the perfect dome of its vast blue skies. In the new cemetery, sumptuous marble slabs with portraits of the dead stare out in silence: Shargorod's picture gallery.

"Don't you have a yarmulke? There you are. They sent it from Israel," says my 67-year-old guide, Yehil Pogranichny, who puts a soiled skullcap on his head. Then, mixing Yiddish, Russian and Ukrainian, he asks for money, "for the poor, you know, a lot of old

lonely people here." Shargorod is lucky most of its relics remain intact. Its old tombstones were not used as construction material, a widespread Soviet practice. For Rita Sokryanskaya, a pensioner who runs the Jewish lecture society in the regional center of Vinnytsa, that is something to cherish.

"A Jewish cemetery was destroyed in Vinnytsa after the war to make room for a college dormitory," she says. "My most terrible memory is of that steam shovel throwing out bones. Once I saw young boys playing soccer with a human skull."

My family's origins were in this town, from which they took their last name. I wanted to see where we had come from, to see what was left. Founded in the late 16th century, this town 304 kilometers southwest of Kiev is one of the few remaining "shtetls" — the settlements where Jews were forced to live in imperial Russia.

These townships saw massacres of Jews in the 17th and 18th centuries; the birth of Hassidism; and the hardships of the 19th century, when Jews were confined to the region called the "Pale of Settlement."

The 1917 Bolshevik Revolution and the Russian Civil War, World War II and Soviet rule gave the shtetls a mortal blow. Today, it seems only the names on the graves remain — Bratslav, Uman, Nemirov,

Bershad, Shepetovka. Somewhere around here my grandfather, then a teen-ager, was jailed by anti-Bolshevik "whites" for being a member of the revolutionary underground.

He was soon freed by the advancing Red Army and joined its fierce and legendary cavalry. Most of Shargorod's Jews, once more than 70 percent of the populace, are elderly.

The young have moved to other parts of the former Soviet Union, to Israel or the United States. "Once, we used to have 3,500 Jews, and now there are only 160 left. They are all gone," says Shargorod's administration chief, Ivan Karaschuk.

The shtetl's fate mirrors that of the Ukrainian Jews, who numbered 1.5 million before World War II and the Holocaust. Today, there are only a half million, including non-Jewish family members. Shargorod's synagogue, built in 1589, is a testimony to past glory with its white, fortified walls.

The Soviets turned it into a liquor factory. A labyrinth of metal vats now conceal the carved stone columns inside. The town's Jewish streets, still bearing communist-era names, are a time machine, an open-air museum. But there are people living in some of these decrepit one-story houses.

A small Jewish woman named Klara leads me to her home. The family makes passport photographs

and types documents for fees. A large framed black and white photo of Klara's old Soviet typewriter decorates the door. Two cramped rooms.

A stale smell. Turns out Klara's husband wants to sell the remnants of Hebrew books, long eaten by worms and mice. He cannot read them. Pogranichny takes me in tow again. "Come, we have this hut; it's like a museum."

Inside, Zinoviy Kreditor and his wife, Pesya, are packing up. The elderly couple are leaving for Israel. Some household items are displayed for sale. Another room has long wooden benches, yellowing Israeli posters.

During the war, Shargorod was occupied by Romanian troops allied to Nazi Germany. That was a break for the town. The Romanians brought in some of their own Jews, but limited themselves to harassment and beatings. Pogranichny remembers it vividly.

"There used to be a ghetto here during the war. The Romanians put barbed wire around these streets and made us stay inside. Many people died of hunger. But they were not killing us, like the Germans did," he says.

German troops who occupied nearby areas slaughtered hundreds of thousands of Jews. Before the Soviet collapse, Shargorod was designated as a historic site, but Ukraine has no money to preserve the town.

As to Jewish donations, community leaders say these are better spent on education or feeding the thousands of poor, elderly Jews. "It's impossible to save Shargorod," says Leonid Fimberg, head of Kiev's Jewish Institute. "At one point, I considered it to be terribly important, but I no longer think so. One must realize that the value of human life, or of educating a child is much more precious. So, let it be as it would."

Sergei Shargorodsky was born in Ukraine when it was still part of the Soviet Union. At age 14, he made aliyah. Now based in Moscow, he visited the town that bears his family name to discover what his ancestors lived.

Blair: Commonwealth can make better use of trade edge

By SUE LEBMAN

EDINBURGH (AP) — Britain said yesterday that the Commonwealth countries, drawing up their first economic declaration, can cooperate on trade and investment freed from the competitive pressures within other international bodies.

"I hope this forum will enable us to have a free discussion without the pressures of negotiation," Prime Minister Tony Blair told leaders of the 54-nation organization on the second day of a summit.

Blair wants the Commonwealth, which groups Britain and ex-colonies, to adopt an economic role, including raising private finance from poorer members of the largely Third World organization.

Blair, whose remarks were released by aides, addressed a closed session of the leaders yesterday morning.

The Commonwealth accounts for 20 percent of the world's trade. With an economic role, it would rate way below the big international bodies, including the World Trade Organization, the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

But it could beef up mutual assistance programs, including a \$2.56 billion Commonwealth Development Corporation, which raises investment money. Britain announced this week the sale of its share in the corporation to raise up to \$800 million.

Many Commonwealth nations are hurt by the globalization of the economy. Malaysia, for example, blames international currency dealers for damaging its economy. "Liberalization is never easy, but it is essential for long-term global growth," said Blair.

On another topic, summit leaders were unlikely to approve any

new sanctions on Nigeria, which has been suspended from the Commonwealth, for at least a year.

That gives the military government of Gen. Sani Abacha breathing space to fulfill a promise to return the West African nation to civilian rule by October 1998. If the junta refuses, an eight-nation monitoring committee proposes an oil embargo and cutting air links, British officials have said.

The Commonwealth position was undercut when an official from Ghana, Nigeria's neighbor and a member of the committee, told reporters that his country would never cut air links or impose an oil embargo.

Canada and Britain, which have already imposed a range of embargoes, say they are determined Nigeria will be, in the words of their officials, "held to account" if nothing has happened by next October.

New AIDS-blocking molecule found

By PAUL REGER

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a basic discovery that eventually could lead to powerful new types of AIDS drugs or even a vaccine, researchers have identified in the laboratory a natural molecule that prevents the AIDS virus from infecting cells.

The molecule was discovered by a team led by famed AIDS researcher Robert Gallo. A report in the journal *Science* said the molecule works against HIV by physically blocking the portal used by the virus to invade lymphocytes and other types of blood cells.

Three similar molecules, all called chemokines, were found earlier by Gallo's team at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

But Gallo said the new molecule is much more effective because it protects all the cell types attacked by HIV.

Periodic injections of these chemokines could create a barrier between HIV and its target cells, and prevent the virus from spreading its deadly infection, Gallo said.

"Its breadth of activity and its potency will make it more important than any of the other chemokines found so far," he said in an interview. He emphasized, however, that before chemokines can be tried against HIV in humans, the molecules must be extensively tested in monkeys against a related virus called SIV, or simian immunodeficiency virus, the monkey equivalent of HIV, human immunodeficiency virus. Such testing could take several years.

Man killed in Ireland bombing

By SHAWN FOGATCHNIK

BELFAST (AP) — A Protestant man was fatally injured by a booby-trap bomb yesterday, the first killing here in three months. The bomb exploded as Northern Ireland's main pro-British party debated the wisdom of staying in peace talks.

No group claimed responsibility for planting a small bomb beneath the victim's car in Bangor, 25 kilometers east of Belfast. It was triggered as the man drove off from his home, mangle his legs and engulfing the car in fire, witnesses said.

Northern Ireland Security Minister Adam Ingram said the man, who wasn't immediately identified, died later in a local hospital.

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Thousands of US black women rally for rights

PHILADELPHIA - Thousands of black women marched through Philadelphia yesterday in a massive show of unity against inadequate health care, poor education, high unemployment and crime.

The Million Woman March brought women by the busload from across the United States for a daylong program of prayer, music and inspirational speeches, intended as a catalyst for positive change in black communities.

Modeled on the Million Man March in Washington two years ago, the rally represented a first for black women, many of whom say they have been at the bottom of the social totem pole since their arrival in America as slaves centuries ago.

The rally's chief organizers, two ordinary women from South Philadelphia, said it was important for black grandmothers, aunts, sisters, nieces and daughters to come together in a mood of solidarity.

"Black women have been the epitome of strength in this country," said Phil Chionese, who co-founded the Million Woman

March last year with her friend Asia Coney, a local housing activist.

"We want to prepare our women, no matter what their status in life, to look at how we can begin to invest as black women and how we can begin to vote in blocs as black women."

The Million Man March had the support of a number of male civil rights luminaries including Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan and the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

But Chionese and Coney bypassed the established circuits of black influence in America, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and relied on the organizing powers of local community leaders like themselves.

Their strategy showed the first signs of success late on Friday, when tens of thousands of women began arriving at Philadelphia hotels from as far away as California.

"We [black women] have a history of doing the impossible," Coney said.

City officials prepared for up to 700,000 women, while organiz-

ers expected more than one million to attend.

Winnie Mandela, former wife of South African President Nelson Mandela, and Democratic Congresswoman Maxine Waters of California will speak. Rosa Parks and Coretta Scott King, widow of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, bowed out months ago.

The thrust of the march is a call for improved education and health care in black communities, economic and political solidarity among black women and an easier transition to mainstream life for black women inmates.

White House press secretary Mike McCurry said Friday that US President Bill Clinton "applauds people who, in that spirit, gather together to celebrate both their faith and their commitment."

"But, at the same time, that doesn't mean that he necessarily subscribes to everything that every march or every event lists as part of its agenda," McCurry said.

(Reuters, AP)



A lone sign is seen in a crowd of hundreds of thousands who attended the Million Woman March in Philadelphia yesterday, a daylong event to muster solidarity for black women's causes. (AP)

US, China reach agreement on ending nuclear cooperation with Iran

By R. JEFFREY SMITH

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration has reached a last-minute agreement with China to limit its arms exports to Iran and end significant nuclear cooperation with that country, clearing the way for President Clinton at a summit next week to approve the first export of advanced US nuclear reactor technology to China, senior US officials said.

The breakthrough came Wednesday, after months of often difficult negotiations, when Chinese officials provided what one of the officials called "very firm, clear and explicit assurances" that Beijing will no longer assist Iran in developing its civilian nuclear power program, the officials said Friday.

Washington, which is worried that Iran is using the civilian program as a cover to develop the expertise for making nuclear arms, had made the cutoff of Chinese assistance a key condition for allowing the potential sale to China of billions of dollars worth of US nuclear reactors and related technology.

But Washington had also sought to use the prospect of a nuclear deal at the summit as

leverage to compel Beijing to halt its sale of cruise missiles to Iran and to curtail its transfers of technologies and equipment needed to make ballistic missiles and chemical arms. On these matters, China has offered the administration positive but less clear-cut assurances, the officials said.

The nuclear deal worked out this week by White House and State Department officials in Beijing must gain the formal approval of both President Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin, something that is expected shortly, officials noted. As a result, they said, the deal will likely become a centerpiece of the summit meeting the two presidents are to hold next week.

The sale of US nuclear technology would bring enormous financial benefit to the United States - the Chinese market has been estimated at roughly \$50 billion over the next two decades - and it would help China ease its growing energy shortage. But it has recently been depicted by officials from both countries as a symbol of a new and closer relationship, not just a matter of commerce.

For Washington, it would be tantamount to

saying that China - which has been barred from receiving US technology since the mid-1980s due to US concerns that it was aiding the spread of weapons of mass destruction - has earned the right to better treatment.

For Beijing, it would amount to a statement that solidifying trade ties with Washington are more important than keeping up an existing supply arrangement with a key Middle East ally.

The deal is nonetheless expected to attract controversy on Capitol Hill, where some lawmakers are already saying that Chinese promises made under the pressure of a deadline should not be trusted.

China is accused by many arms control experts of having selectively ignored proliferation constraints to gain profits or maintain political ties to countries such as Iran, Pakistan, and North Korea - although administration officials say their record has lately become much better.

One of the US criteria was that China clearly cease its nuclear assistance to Iran, leaving only Russia as a major supplier of nuclear equipment to a country that Washington deems a key instigator of terrorism. (The Washington Post)

EU debates expansion plans

By JEFFREY ULBRICH

MONDORF-LES-BAINS, Luxembourg (AP) - All 15 European Union nations agree that a new round of expansion should begin next year, but foreign ministers struggled here yesterday with the problem of where to start.

The European Commission gave its opinion last summer. It favors beginning negotiations early next year with six countries - Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Estonia and Cyprus.

While a majority of the EU's existing members go along with that, some, notably Sweden, Denmark and Greece, believe talks should begin with all 11 countries who have been declared eligible. Those are the Commission's six plus Romania, Bulgaria, Latvia and Lithuania.

Some call this the "regatta" method, letting all the candidates charge off from the same starting line, allowing them to race at their own pace and effectively determine their own selection.

"That's important for psychological reasons," Danish Foreign Minister Niels Helveg Petersen said during a break in the two-day informal ministerial meeting at this leafy Luxembourg spa. Those left out, he said, "would feel humiliated ... and excluded." Italian Foreign Minister Lamberto Dini agreed nobody must feel left behind.

"If you don't start negotiations with all countries at the same time, you need an instrument to keep all these countries together," he said. One way to do this, he said, is to create a special annual conference bringing all of the countries - the "ins" and the "outs" - together.

Details of how the conference might work were being debated.

Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel of Germany said he favored the Commission approach of beginning negotiations with a limited number of countries. "There is no majority for the regatta model," he said.

Neither was Bonn enthusiastic about the proposal. "Germany has not yet agreed to the idea of such a conference," Kinkel said.

Some still worry that countries not included in the first wave of negotiations would suffer economically because foreign investors would doubt their stability. Others maintain non-selection would hamper the process of political reform in the newly emerging democracies of Eastern Europe.

Then there is the question of Turkey, already an associate member of the EU and linked to the European bloc by a special customs union that allows Ankara to trade with the EU under virtually the same conditions as members.

France is one of Turkey's biggest backers. Germany and Greece adamantly oppose Turkish membership. "We must keep Turkey within the process," said Dini.

"Turkey knows it has a long way to go in certain areas to come up to the standards of the European Union. It can't go as fast as the other countries." The final decision on expansion rests in the hands of EU chiefs of state and government, who will make up their minds at a summit in December.

Bus crash in S. Africa kills 33

DURBAN (AP) - A bus carrying women and children to a political meeting in eastern South Africa crashed into a disabled gasoline tanker yesterday, setting off an explosion that killed 33 people.

The women were members of the Zulu nationalist Inkatha Freedom Party Women's Brigade from Port Shepstone on the south coast of KwaZulu-Natal province, Inkatha spokesman Hennie Bekker said.

They were heading to Ulundi, in the north, when their bus smashed into a tanker that had stopped on a bridge over the Tugela River, approximately 80 kilometers north of Durban, Bekker said.

Fire engulfed both vehicles, burning most of the victims beyond recognition.

"I could see people burning in the bus," traffic officer Basil Ndoo said.

Thirty-three people died and 10 were hospitalized with serious injuries, provincial transportation spokeswoman Ranjeni Munusamy said.

Police said at least five of the dead were believed to be children, based on the size of skulls found on the bus.

Transportation officials declared a week of mourning in KwaZulu-Natal province, asking motorists to drive with their lights on during the mourning period.

"We in [Inkatha] pray that the families and those injured will receive strength and courage and that the sorrow and wounds may eventually heal," Bekker said.

Other political parties immediately expressed sympathy over the accident, with the African National Congress, a longtime Inkatha rival in KwaZulu-Natal, and the Pan Africanist Congress saying it showed the need for improved road safety in South Africa.

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An old boys' club hangs on

The Commonwealth is an odd organization to make sense of for any foreigners who are not members. The concept is strange enough – a club, headed by Queen Elizabeth, for countries once ruled by the British Empire. Why anyone would want to join may be a matter of curiosity for some, but the fact is that 54 states have joined, and their delegates gathered this weekend in Scotland's capital for the biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government Conference. They represent 1.7 billion people – from the 800 million of India to the 11,000 souls who inhabit Tuvalu. Those who are chucked out in the cold – such as Nigeria and Sierra Leone currently – get most upset about it.

The Commonwealth comes in for a fair share of derision – probably unfairly, for Francophone gatherings of former French colonies also sin by being pompous. Yet there is something of British Monty Python eccentricity about the Commonwealth – it is hard to imagine a club of former Ottoman or Roman vassals.

Still, despite it all, and some pretty rough times in the post-colonial era, the Commonwealth survives, and indeed this time round it even looks quite dapper.

There are family squabbles of course – unwellcome Nigeria threatened to turn up anyway, India and Britain are still smarting over a prickly royal tour of the subcontinent in the last couple of weeks, and the latest African dictatorship, Sierra Leone, has been banned.

The irrepressible Prime Minister Tony Blair stole the show again, as is becoming his habit, with a bouncy bid to kick the entire Commonwealth, heads first, into the 21st century. It's time everyone learned from history, instead of endlessly reliving it, Blair told a gathering which still has the musty air of Third World resentment hovering around it, though not to the same degree as that useless international fossil, the Non-aligned Movement.

The queen represents the dusty image of an older Commonwealth led by Britain, where the others supposedly knew their place. Having said recently the world is moving too fast for its people to follow, she inevitably looked bemused by the Blair extravaganza of an opening glossy video show with the bizarre title of *www.a young country@britain.gov* and a synthesized-generated national anthem. Watched by the elite royalty, Blair announced that "the Britain of the elite is over," as he tried to move his era of renewal and redefinition out into the Commonwealth nations.

What it will all add up to in substance is anyone's guess. Once the cameras move out of Commonwealth conferences, the organization usually moves instantly back into the shadows.

The current meeting is likely to be no different. However, Blair's emphasis on the conference theme of trade and development is at least more feet-on-ground than the pompous old political fights over things the Commonwealth could do nothing about, such as the Cold War and colonial history. Obsessed with apartheid for most of its existence, the Commonwealth states only recently have faced up to many of their own serious democratic failings.

It is the first time Britain has hosted the conference in 20 years and the first labor prime minister in as long wanted a summit focused on trade. But politics will not go away so easily. Nigeria rightly remains suspended since the 1995 Commonwealth summit in New Zealand, when the military dictatorship executed nine political activists, including playwright and environmental campaigner, Ken Saro-Wiwa. Sierra Leone was dumped in May. The prime ministers of India and Pakistan yesterday discussed Kashmir, but there was no sign of rapprochement over the intransigent 50-year-old dispute. And Nelson Mandela's shiny image was somewhat tarnished by his coming to Scotland straight from Libya and the embraces of the obnoxious Muammar Gaddafi. The colonel's agents are wanted for bringing Pan Am 103 and its passengers down on the heads of Lockerbie's Scottish villagers.

Neither would the old habits of complaining rather than doing be so easily laid to rest. The meeting was taking place against a background of collapsing markets and currencies in the Asian region and the Commonwealth leaders spent two days castigating rampant market forces for their cruelty to emerging economies. These mutterings had to be glossed over yesterday for agreement on the prepared declaration of true faith in free trade and private investment. The statement said the Commonwealth can play "a dynamic role in promoting trade and investment to enhance prosperity, accelerate growth and development, and the eradication of poverty." It said the states would pursue the aims with vigor – but it all sounded a bit more hollow than it might have done six months ago when "vigor" was the middle name of Asian marketplaces.

However, it wasn't all empty talk. The Commonwealth did announce a \$200 million fund for development in South Asia: long-term investments in business and industry in each of the Commonwealth states of Bangladesh, India, the Maldives, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka, and in non-Commonwealth Bhutan and Nepal.

So, after all the fun and hype, it probably is fair to say "well done" to the Edinburgh summit. It's nice not to be regarded as completely useless.



A loyal opposition?

AARON LERNER

The Left has forgotten what it is to be Jews. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told Kabbalist Rabbi Yitzhak Kadouri.

So here we go again. As fast as Labor Party leader Ehud Barak's speed dialer could reach Israel Radio, he was on with his party's standard diatribe against the prime minister. He reminded the audience that Netanyahu appeared in Zion Square when the infamous Rabin in a Gestapo uniform photomontage was flashed, and also was present at Ra'anana Junction in front of the "Rabin Coffin."

Never mind that Netanyahu would have had to have telescopic vision to pick out the photomontage from the crowd – it was only noticed by the press thanks to the diligent efforts of GSS agent provocateur Avishai Raviv. The "Rabin Coffin" is also a hoax. It was a "Zionism Coffin" to represent what the protesters believed the late prime minister's policies were doing to Zionism. This was clearly stated by the slogan "Rabin is burying Zionism" on the side of the coffin.

Don't get me wrong. There is much to criticize about both what Netanyahu is doing and not doing. It is far from clear what plan the premier has. That is, if he has a plan. And there is no great solace in knowing that the Labor-Meretz ministers also had no idea what plan Yitzhak Rabin had. Or worse, as Mrs. Leah Rabin confided to MK Yossi Beilin, there was no plan. And that's the pity. Here we are at a critical juncture in the history of the Jewish people and instead of a logical and – yes – passionate debate about where we should be going, we are served with almost daily diversions.

Could it be that Ehud Barak has nothing significant to say? LET'S consider several key issues: There is wall-to-wall agreement

include Gush Etzion and beyond) the Jordan Valley, and the other major settlements.

On the question of the release of terrorists, only the extreme Left can stomach freeing terrorists today with "blood on their hands."

Given this broad consensus on so many issues one would hope and expect that responsible opposition leaders would take the role of a loyal opposition. But instead of actively supporting the government in these critical negotiations, the opposition prefers to undermine Netanyahu's negotiating position.

And they do this with a passion. Telling the world that the Israeli government is not serious about peace and ignoring Arafat's intransigent demands. Demands which they themselves reject. Now it would be one thing if the prime minister could withstand all the pressure. But Netanyahu's record to date doesn't indicate that this is the case. Time and again he has backed down from the principle of Palestinian compliance and reciprocity.

And these are not minor problems. Israel faces today an already militarized Palestinian entity and there is no indication when, if ever, Palestinian forces will be curtailed to properly supervised acceptable levels. Sure, blasting Netanyahu daily may very well impact the weekly public opinion polls. But the only poll that really counts will take place on election day. And by then the 1997 opinion polls will be long forgotten.

Israel not only deserves – its very future may well hinge on – a responsible loyal opposition. It's not too late for Ehud Barak to show that he has the maturity to be a true national leader.

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Soft on speeding

ALAN DERSHOWITZ

As most violent crime continues to decrease dramatically, one particularly deadly crime – a crime that kills more Americans than all other crimes combined – is increasing. And the increase, which is likely to get even worse, is exclusively the fault of legislators and governors who are "soft" on this most serious of crimes. The crime, of course, is vehicular homicide, caused largely by speeding.

More than 40,000 Americans are killed each year in vehicle accidents. In most of these deaths, the operator of the vehicle was driving at an excessive speed. In many, he was also drunk.

Speed-related deaths are the easiest crimes to reduce. There is a direct correlation between speed limits and automobile deaths. When the speed limit is reasonably reduced, the death rate goes down. When the limit is unreasonably raised, the death rate skyrockets. Any doubts about this direct correlation have been put to rest by a study just released by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. It measured death rates in 12 states which raised their highway speed limits in 1996, in response to the homicide decision by Congress in December 1995 to abolish the national 65-mph speed limit, just a few years after it raised the limit from 55 mph to 65 mph.

In just nine months, automobile deaths in the 12 states which rushed to raise their speed limits increased by 12 percent. This translates to 500 dead men, women and children. The actual impact of the increased speed limit is even greater than these numbers suggest, for two independent reasons: First, according to an article in the *New York Times*, "The increase in deaths in states where speed limits have been raised is partly masked by a general improvement in the safety of cars, which has saved some people." Second, 27 other states – which were not studied – have also now raised their speed

limits, and "if the kinds of speed-limit increases we've seen in these 12 states occur in the whole country, we could be looking at about 2,000 more deaths a year," estimated a spokesman for the Institute. A study soon to be released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration – a neutral governmental agency – is expected to make similar findings.

What are we doing here? Are we crazy? We flex our own collective muscles when it comes to crimes that kill a few hundred people each year, but then we deliberately enact laws that we know will kill many more people. In the interest of what? The joy of speeding? The need to save a few minutes? Our collective unwillingness to submit to regulations?

NO. The real reason that our legislators and executives are soft on speeding is that we all do it. In the political context, crime is a "we-they" issue. Rapists, burglars, drug dealers and other such predators are the "they." Speeders and drunk drivers are the "we." And when "we" do it, it doesn't seem like crime, regardless of how many innocent people are killed.

We must stop thinking like this. It is within our power to save as many as 2,000 lives a year. All we have to do is restore the old nationwide 55-mph speed limit, or, at the very least, go back to a 65-mph speed limit. We will save gas. We will save lives. We will reduce injuries. We will save money. It really is a no-brainer. But when was the last time brains were used in deciding any issue dealing with crime?

Legislators and other politicians pander to our exaggerated fear of street crime because it is an easy "we-they" issue. Most of them couldn't care less about saving innocent lives. If they did, they would have the courage to vote against increasing speed limits. But such votes do not translate into good election issues.

Voting to increase prison sentences for petty thieves does so translate. So legislators fall all over each other in an effort to show that no-one is tougher on crime than they are. But when their vote really could save lives, they vote for death by raising the speed limit.

Nothing will be done about this collective suicide pact we have entered into until voters – most of whom are drivers – demand a collective return to highway sanity. There is no single vote your elected officials can cast that would have a greater impact on the safety of your family than a vote to reduce the speed limit. Demand it of your elected officials. If you do not, you will share the responsibility for the next highway death that could have been prevented by a lower speed limit.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE SAME COIN

Sir, – David Kimche, "Unsettling action" (September 26) quotes a student saying, "The settlers and Hamas are two sides of the same coin." No one challenged the student. What a pity. What a triumph of Arab propaganda.

No two ideologies or methodologies could be more different. What is the Hamas side of the coin? It is suicide bombers, drive-by killings, kidnap mur-

ders, the stalking death of innocent hikers, cowardly attacks against school children, etc.

What is the settler side of the coin? What is settler extremism? It is to build housing, to strengthen the settlements, to avoid a retreat to the indefensible 1967 borders, to achieve a secure and lasting peace with our neighbors.

JACK BENZELL

Eilat.

CARMAGGEDEN

Sir, – "Carmaggeden," the newest electronic game in which the objects of destruction are not monsters but men, woman and children, has been on the market for two months in Israel and not a whimper has been heard from the public or educators. The more you run over on the roads the more points you will receive, the bigger the killer the bigger the winner.

Israel has begun to accept road death as part and parcel of

our way of life, and perhaps the "Massada" syndrome has permeated our society.

My protagonists in the war on road carnage, METUNA protests the sale of this obscene game and will do everything possible to have it removed from the shelves.

IVAN POPE

National Chairman,
METUNA Organization for
Road Safety.

Netanya.

VISION AND GENEROSITY

Sir, – The viciousness of the ad hominem attacks in the media on Dr. Irving Moskowitz may have set a new low in a press not known for blushing restraint in its treatment of public figures. Amotz Asa-El's "A tragedy named Moskowitz" (September 19) goes so far as to equate this physician and philanthropist with the antisemitic stereotype of the medieval moneylender.

One may agree or disagree over the timing of Moskowitz's readiness to make his property on Ras al-Amud available for Jewish residence, but the torrent of personal abuse seems an attempt to exorcise what his efforts personify: the reinforcement of the legitimate right of Jews to live in all of Jerusalem. One wonders how this mindset would have responded to benefactors of an earlier era such as Baron Rothschild and Moses Montefiore whose vision and generosity similarly helped to guarantee the Jewish presence in this city.

JACK E. FRIEDMAN

Jerusalem.

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

60 years ago: On October 26, 1937, *The Palestine Post* reported that three and a half million Polish Jews had gone on strike in a silent protest against "ghetto benches" at universities. Some 2,000 Jewish pupils had demonstrated and were dispersed by police in Warsaw. Jewish newspapers did not appear. Protests were voiced against the economic boycott, terrorism, the systematic attempts at degradation, the race hatred and antisemitism. No Jews had been admitted to the Romanian Bar for the past two years, the Bucharest Bar Association admitted.

50 years ago: On October 26, 1947, *The Palestine Post* reported from London that the British with-

drawal from Palestine would apparently begin by October, 1948. At the UN Ad Hoc Committee on Palestine the Soviet Union had demanded a firm date for British withdrawal. US sources stated that the country would adhere only with limited reservations to UNSCOP Partition borders and that it excluded the use of either US or Soviet troops in Palestine.

"The Jewish State seems a reality as we talk in this hall," Dr. Chaim Weizmann told the 33rd Annual Convention of Hadassah in Atlantic City.

25 years ago: On October 26, 1972, *The Jerusalem Post* reported that two recent immigrants from

the Soviet Union held a one-day fast at the Western Wall to protest conditions in Gulag where Jews are being held.

At least eight persons were wounded, among them Arab leaders, when letter bombs exploded in Lebanon, Libya and Algeria.

A Jordanian terrorist with an Algerian diplomatic passport was allowed to leave Schiphol Airport for South America after Dutch authorities confiscated eight kg. of high explosives, detonators and hand grenades found in his suitcase.

Three letter bombs addressed to President Nixon and two senior American officials were defused at Kiryat Shmona post office.

Alexander Zvielli

مركز الصحافة



A local resident paddles next to Key Lois, where signs prohibit entry. Charles River Laboratories have owned the key for 24 years. They have inhabited the key with Rhesus monkeys, which are used and sold for scientific and medical experiments. Residents on nearby keys complain the monkeys have devastated local vegetation and have tainted the air.

Rhesus pieces in the Florida Keys

For a quarter century, the furry residents of two tiny islands in the Florida Keys have been swinging in the trees, bathing in the subtropical water and snacking on protected red mangroves.

But what may have seemed like a good idea to Charles River Laboratories and the state of Florida 24 years ago has turned into an environmental nightmare.

The red mangroves are decimated on Key Lois and Raccoon Key, one of the islands is badly eroded, and the water around the islands is polluted with waste.

The culprit: about 1,000 Rhesus monkeys bred for research.

"These are healthy, happy monkeys," said Curtis Krueger, a biologist and fishing guide who has campaigned since the early 1980s to evict the voracious primates.

"They live in their little harems. They have their breeding groups, a bunch of females to a few males."

Five years ago, the state and Charles River worked out an agreement that allowed the company to keep the monkey operation well into the next century if it would reduce the population, protect the mangroves, and start a program to replant damaged areas.

In 1995, scientists even tried to cage the red mangroves to protect them, but the monkeys were still hungry after devouring their daily ration of monkey chow and soon figured out how to get dessert.

Officials with Charles River, a subsidiary of vision care giant Bausch and Lomb, admitted this summer that their plans to revegetate had been foiled by the wily primates.

"They ought to run this headline," quipped Ed Davidson, chairman of the Florida Audubon Society, "Darwin's theory of evolution disproven: Bausch and Lomb's top scientists consistently outwitted by monkeys."

After the state complained that Charles River wasn't living up to its agreement, Circuit Judge Sandra Taylor listened in July to three days of arguments about the future of the monkey islands.

In early September, the judge ordered Charles River to speed efforts to remove the free-roaming monkeys.

Under the decision, the monkeys on 100-acre (40-hectare) Key Lois would have to be off the island by June 1, 1998. The monkeys on 200-acre (80-hectare) Raccoon Key would have to be off by September 1, 1999.

The company has another 200 monkeys in breeding cages on Key Lois and agreed to give the island to the state by the end of 2012. Raccoon Key would be vacated by the end of 2024. Charles River has requested a rehearing on Taylor's ruling, which only applied to the free-range monkeys.



A rhesus monkey holds her baby in Key Lois.

The monkeys are bred for scientific and medical research, including the study of AIDS, osteoporosis and Alzheimer's disease. They have also been sold for vaccine testing and NASA projects. When the young monkeys reach a year old, they are trapped and sold for \$1,500 to \$4,000 each.

Their isolated island habitat enhances their value, ensuring they are free from tuberculosis and other diseases, including one known as the simian B virus. Company officials say such infection-free animals are a valuable resource for researchers.

But the monkeys have long worn out their welcome with nearby residents in the Keys — people attracted to the region by ocean breezes, sparkling azure waters and a sense of tropical refuge.

They complain of the smell, worry about the mangrove destruction and brood that a tropical storm could blow monkeys onto neighboring islands.

Opponents said the monkeys pose a threat because they could reach neighboring islands that are populated or part of the Great White Heron National Wildlife Refuge.

For Netanis Kline, a former nurse who retired with her husband

with something like this," Krueger said. "The moral of the story is don't let something outrageous get started unless you're prepared to deal with it."

Company officials complain their property rights are being lost in the noise. "Everybody seems to forget that we own the islands. The landowner has been there since 1973," said Charles River attorney Bob Routh, who complains that one man's environmental crusade is driving the state's actions. "We entered into an agreement to give away our land. But that is not enough for the other side."

The environmentalists are concerned about the red mangroves, which thrive in saltwater and have an elaborate root system that helps hold the sandy islands together. The thick root systems are also a valuable nursery for smaller fish and shellfish.

While Charles River may own the two islands, Krueger said the state owns the submerged lands up to high-tide level and has a right to protect the red mangroves from being used as "food for a commercial monkey-breeding operation."

Krueger and his allies are watching to see if Charles River is able to win more concessions — and time — from the state.

BOOK REVIEW

Master storyteller recreates the Geisha's secret world

By BETH GUTCHERON

MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA by Arthur Golden. New York, Knopf. 434 pp. \$25.

There are women in the West who approximate geisha. They are free-lance and self-trained, and very few of them would be flattered by the comparison.

The geisha world of Japan, with its ancient traditions blending arts, romance and commerce, has no true Western equivalent, so the Japanese geisha is to us a mysterious, if fascinating, figure.

She is an accomplished musician, dancer and flirt. Her trade is to entertain and intrigue men, and her sexual favors may be for sale under the right circumstances, for the right price, but she is not a prostitute.

The skilled geisha whose career is wisely managed may achieve love, marriage, financial security, fame and admiration, and be intimate with the great men of her day.

A geisha who fails can end as a virtual slave to the house (or "okiya") to which she belongs, or slip out of the geisha world altogether into prostitution.

For a novelist, a geisha's life is rich material. There is only one problem.

One of the cardinal virtues of the geisha is her utter discretion, which protects her own devices as well as the privacy of the patrons who support her.

It would seem, therefore, to be nearly impossible for an outsider — let alone a Westerner or a man — to get enough access to this largely secret world to re-create it in fiction. For that reason (but not only that one), Arthur Golden's first novel, *Memoirs of a Geisha*, is nothing short of astonishing.

From the first paragraphs, Golden establishes the voice of geisha Sayuri as wise, intelligent, modest and uncommonly charming.

She begins to tell her story as if you and she were alone together and she were entertaining you, and entertain you she does. With the voice alone, Golden conveys the appeal of the geisha, always thinking of her listener, knowing just how to show a glimpse of inner foreboding as she pours you another cup of tea, never boastful or self-dramatizing, with an unerring sense of just how much to dwell, how much detail is enough, when to move the story along.

From the beginning you know that Sayuri is telling you this story from contemporary New York, a tantalizing fact about a girl whose life began in the '20s in a fishing village on the Sea of Japan.

Her name was Chiyo then; her father was an old man, and her mother was dying.

She attracts the attention of the worldly Mr. Tanaka, who owns a seafood company in their village.

She believes Mr. Tanaka is planning to change her life in some way; she assumes he means to adopt her and her older sister when their mother dies. She is nine years old and has it slightly wrong. His plan, which he executes, is to buy them from their father and sell them in Kyoto.

Chiyo, who is beautiful with odd gray eyes, is sold to the Nitta okiya in the geisha district of Gion.

Her sister, Satsu, not beautiful or bright, is sent somewhere else; no one will tell Chiyo where. Here begins the riveting story of Chiyo's education.

This okiya is like a secular



A geisha's life is rich material for a novelist.

cloister, owned by an unpleasant former geisha known as Mother and supporting a somewhat less unpleasant Auntie, a horrid Granny and a large staff.

At the time of Chiyo's arrival, the okiya has one working geisha, Hatsumomo, whose income supports the entire establishment.

Hatsumomo is a spiteful, jealous and destructive person in private, and Mother has withheld from her the one thing that would make her future secure, which is to adopt her and make her the heir apparent of Nitta okiya.

Chiyo goes into training along with another very young girl whom everyone calls Pumpkin. They are supposed to be under Hatsumomo's protection, to be taught by her a myriad of skills regarding dress, decorum and maugillage, as well as attending school to learn flute and drums and samizen, and especially dance.

But Hatsumomo feels for Chiyo a reckless malevolence and goes out of her way to prevent her success, to load her with debt, to see that Pumpkin advances while Chiyo remains a servant in the okiya.

Since the geisha world is as foreign to Chiyo at that point as it is to us, we learn Chiyo's lessons with her, always a little too late to see what Hatsumomo's plan is or to imagine how one little girl

can save herself in a system so arcane and subtle.

Golden's writing is elegant, spare, but wonderfully evocative. We feel the textures and smells of Sayuri's world, and especially we see.

When Sayuri has become an apprentice geisha and receives her first important present from an admirer, it proves to be "a simple jewel, a ruby as big as a peach pit."

It was like a giant drop of blood sparkling in the sunlight over the pond." Her new mentor, the geisha Mameha, tells her she will have other jewels in her life, but must immediately give this one to Mother Nitta. This is Sayuri's reaction: "To see this beautiful jewel, and the light that seeped out of it painting my hand pink, and to think of Mother with her sickly yellow eyes and their meat-colored rims... well it seemed to me that giving this jewel to her would be like dressing up a badger. But of course, I had to obey Mameha."

Arthur Golden is a master storyteller, which would be enough to be grateful for, even without his other gifts. He is also, clearly, a skillful social historian and especially a stylist of marvelous powers.

This is a gift of a book, as close to un-put-downable as any novel in years, yet bristling with intelligence and grace. Wow.

(Newsday)

How to become a freelance writer

by NICK DAWES

Freelance writing can be creative, fulfilling and a lot of fun, with excellent money to be made as well.

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EARTHLY CONCERNS

Taking care of business, but not the environment

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL

The World Trade Organization (WTO), an international organization with 130 members, is on a collision course with environmental standards in the industrialized world. While thus far the brushes have been slight, there is every reason to anticipate some real clashes in the near future.

The problem lies in the fact that signatories of the WTO charter represent many different countries that have pledged free trade and undertaken not to hinder one another in pursuing their own trade interests.

Unfortunately, a number of these countries either cannot or will not adhere to any standards of environmental protection endorsed by some of the others. Thus while shrimp from Thailand is abundant and of high quality, Thai fishermen use

nets that also kill large numbers of baby sea turtles, an endangered species protected under a number of international protocols.

The United States decided to ban the importation of shrimp from Thailand unless the Thai equip their boats with turtle excluders.

The device is simple and easy to install, but Thai fishermen claim it is too expensive.

Thailand took the matter to the membership of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), a branch of the WTO set up to handle trade infringement disputes between members.

The fishermen claiming interference with free trade, GATT ruled in their favor.

The US could not force environmental protective devices on Thailand by interfering with free trade.

The same situation is now faced over

the US import of tuna.

For a number of years, the US has refused to import tuna from countries in which nets are used that also kill dolphins.

But now the WTO has decreed that this too is illegal and an infringement on free trade.

Adding to the impasse is the fact that the environmental issues often pit the more affluent nations against poorer countries.

Some environmentalists have come to the conclusion that free trade and sustainable environmental development are mutually exclusive in developing countries. Others say this is not so.

Certainly a number of the poorer nations feel that this is the case. Now in the line of fire is the entire system of eco-labeling, whereby products are given a seal of approval as being environmentally

friendly.

Egypt, India, and a number of other members of the WTO say that this labeling is discriminatory and a violation of the principles of free trade.

If these matters are eventually supported by the GATT, it will mean that CFCs, still manufactured in a few countries but outlawed in most, will again be available on the free market, as well as aerosols containing these materials.

Also included might be rare and protected wood products from old-growth forests, and any number of other products deemed environmentally harmful by a number of the member states.

"It will," says Murray Gret of Greenpeace, "entirely annul the benefits derived by the environment under the Montreal Protocols, until now the most important international treaty made for environmental protection."

Lights, sounds and vibrations: Solutions for the disabled

By JUDY SEGEL-ITZKOVICH

US President Bill Clinton's having the gumption to wear a \$2,000 pair of in-the-ear hearing aids – and telling the world about it – should serve as an example to his contemporaries, and older people, to seek help for their auditory problems.

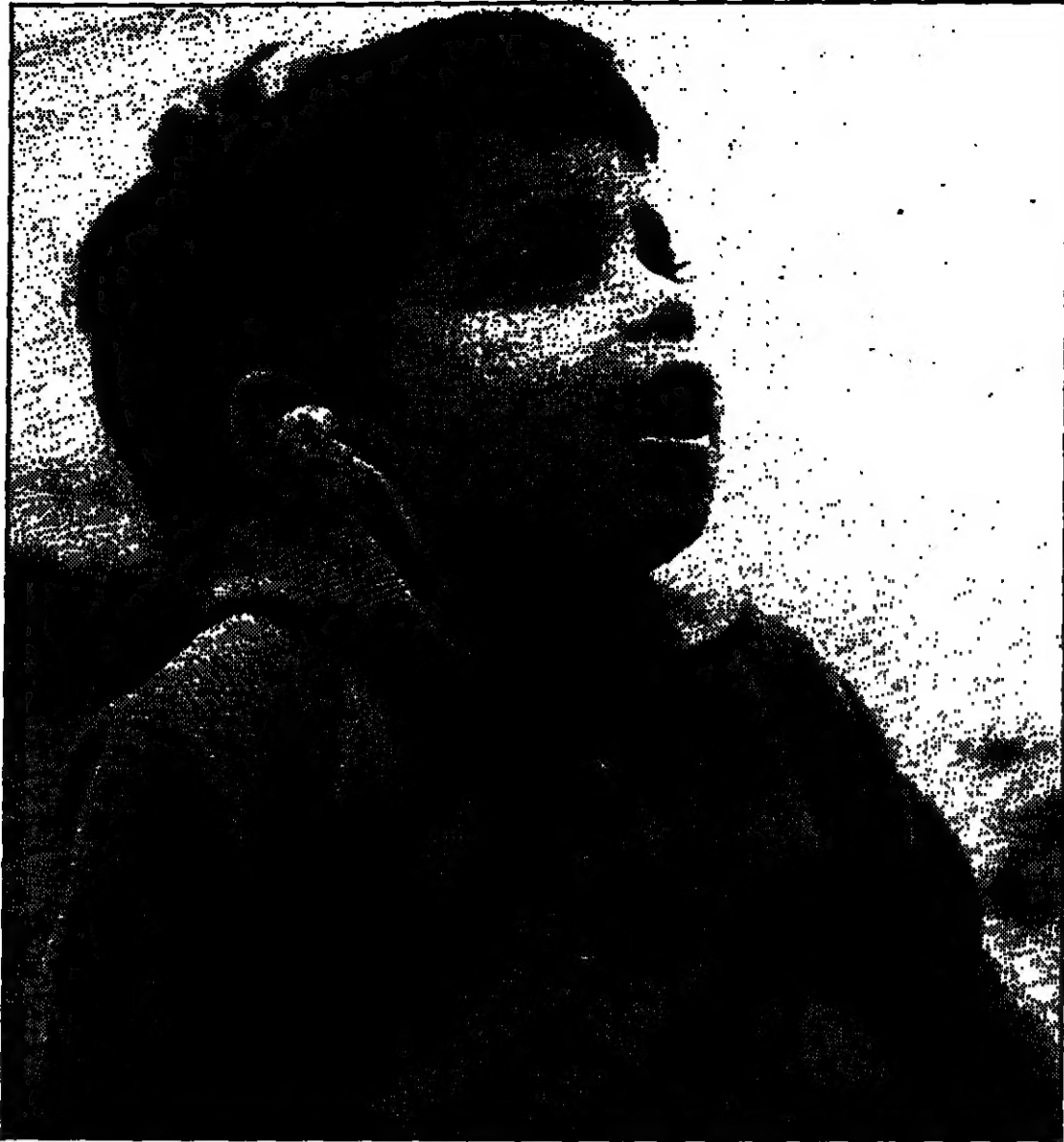
Baby boomers, who were raised to think that they'll be forever healthy, wealthy and wise, are increasingly discovering their own health problems. Those, like Clinton, who spent much of their time listening to car-shattering music in the '60s and '70s are now paying for it with reduced hearing.

A previous resident of the White House, Ronald Reagan, used a quite-visible hearing aid, but that was not regarded as sensational because of his age. Now that the much-younger Clinton is wearing one, the effect on the hearing disabled has been quite sensational, according to Anita Haravon, information dissemination coordinator of the Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Hearing Enhancement and Assistive Devices at New York City's Lexington Center for the Deaf. Haravon was discussing such devices as a recent guest of Micha Jerusalem, an organization that helps the hard of hearing. Haravon, who has a master's degree in speech and hearing science from the City University of New York, lectured at Micha before an appreciative audience that reflected growing Israeli interest in the subject.

The explosion of digital technology has been a godsend for the disabled, said Haravon in an interview. "In most cases, existing technologies have been adapted instead of new ones invented to help the disabled."

The deaf and hearing disabled of previous generations were not so fortunate. The Lexington School and Center for the Deaf was founded in 1865 (the year the US Civil War ended) on Lexington Avenue in Manhattan, and served as an oral school for deaf children. Exactly a century later, it moved to Jackson Heights, Queens, and expanded its role. Not only does the non-profit center operate a state-funded school for 400 deaf pupils from infancy, and the only high school for deaf children in New York City, but it has also become a "one-stop" facility for the hearing disabled of all ages.

"There are vocational services to help them find jobs and show workplaces how to adapt to the hearing disabled," said Haravon. "There are 26 million hearing disabled in the US, about one percent of them totally deaf. The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that disabled people must have equal access to all mainstream services, including employment, public places and telecommunications. The hearing disabled have to have equal access to performances, conferences, meetings, with all facilities offering 'reasonable accommodation.' We also have a mental health center with specially trained staffers who do crisis intervention. One case involved a group of 20 illegal deaf Mexican immigrants who were treated as slaves by New York employers who threatened to



Israel is unfortunately much behind the US in awareness of the need for assistive devices and appreciation of the rights of the deaf and other disabled. (Mike Goldberg)

inform the authorities about their lack of legal papers. When this was revealed, it became a scandal and we tried to help them to deal with the system."

The Lexington Center spends much effort persuading manufacturers to produce products of "universal design" with lights, sounds and vibrations: so that they can be used by everyone, whatever their disability, including the deaf and blind. Thus, "micro-wave" ovens would have a flashing light when it finished heating, instead of just a buzzer. "Retrofitting these with the suitable devices is extremely expensive, so if these things were built in for the benefit of the deaf or other disabled, it would be a boon to all."

The center has a research division, funded by federal grants, that promotes the study of what are termed "assistive technologies." Among the technologies are learning devices, such as personal amplifiers. These look very much like a Walkman, but they have a powerful, built-in microphone instead of a tape player. There are also large-area listening systems, used in public places where lectures, concerts and movies are presented. The speaker or sound source has a microphone and transmitter, while the listener carries the receiver.

A more expensive system is an FM radio signal transmitter, which is excellent for classrooms, lec-

tures and outdoor and personal use. This can cost \$800 for a personal system and \$2,000 for a group. Infrared light-wave transmission, the type that links your hand control device to your TV set, can also be used in theaters and concert halls, but it can't be used outdoors or in other areas in very bright light. A personal system costs around \$250, said Haravon, while a group system is about \$1,000.

Audio induction loops can be inserted into a hearing aid and used to hear better on the phone; "in the US, all phones must be equipped with a telecoil, which is the second part of this system." A giant audio induction loop can encircle an entire room and be connected to the sound system to connect disabled listeners' ability to hear. The loop transmits sound electromagnetically and is picked up by the telecoil.

At home, a large number of devices are available, and some of them are even sold in Israel. They include a vibrating alarm light, a doorbell light and a smoke alarm with a strobe light (some of these are manufactured by an Israeli company, Kilim, in Haifa.)

Deaf parents can make much use of a baby-cry light, while everyone can benefit from a light that goes on when the phone rings. There are also motion sensors, pagers, door announcers and even bed shakers.

Haravon noted that many digital wireless and cellular phones can interfere with hearing aids, but that researchers and federal agencies in the US are trying to find solutions. Text telephones, fax machines, beepers and e-mail on computers are, of course, expensive but have the potential to revolutionize the way disabled people function and work. Although hearing aids help many people, they are still far from perfect. "If you drum your fingers on the table or shuffle papers, this noise will be heard by the user as loud as your speech. The brain has the ability to block out these extraneous noises to an amazing degree, but the hearing aid can't," she explained.

"There are various types of hearing aids that use compression or are digital and more expensive, but these still cause some problems. The in-the-ear hearing aids that President Clinton is using is only for people who don't have a very significant hearing decline."

Israel is unfortunately much behind the US in awareness of the need for assistive devices and appreciation of the rights of the deaf and other disabled. But the fact that Micha – which cares for deaf and hearing disabled children from birth to age six – organized Haravon's lecture, offers hope that help is not too far away.

The Lexington Center and School for the Deaf has a website at <http://lidi.net/~reslex>

Attempted suicides among minors are neglected

By JUDY SEGEL-ITZKOVICH

The recent report about a 16-year-old youth who killed himself after a dispute with his mother about spending too much time on the Internet shocked many readers. According to the story, he threw himself from the balcony of his apartment after his mother charged he was responsible for their phone bills being too high.

But numerous other cases of child and teenage suicide don't get into the papers – and even fewer attempted suicides in this age group make the news.

According to the National Council for the Child, the Health Ministry has failed to take seriously the problem of attempted suicide among minors. In a report recently issued by the council based on a survey of public hospitals' dealings with such cases in emergency rooms, it was revealed that few of them carry out ministry regulations. As a result, few of the troubled kids are treated properly to prevent additional attempts on their life.

The editor of the study, Miriam Gilat, says a previous council survey carried out two years before on routine procedures for admitting youngsters to the emergency room after a suicide attempt disclosed worrisome handling of such cases. As a consequence, she said, the council initiated and organized a conference on the subject that resulted in its compilation of recommendations for identifying, diagnosing and treating such youngsters in the hospital and in the community.

An inter-ministry committee headed by Health Ministry officials prepared a binding list of guidelines for all hospital emergency rooms, including forms that must be filled out and returned to the ministry. But the latest council survey has found that in most cases, these procedures are not being followed.

Twenty-four hospitals were asked to participate in the survey, and 21 of them sent in their replies. Only 17 of them (71%) claimed that in the event of suicide attempts by minors they follow the required guidelines; but when the

council actually analyzed their responses, it found that "most" of them either don't know the procedures or don't act according to them.

The person responsible for the emergency room must inform the ministry about any attempted suicide, or suspicion of such an act, by a minor – without revealing any identifying information about the patient. In fact, the survey found that only 10 of the responding hospitals (or 42% of the total) actually do this. The rules also require the hospital to keep a separate list of suicide attempts by children and teenagers, with identifying details about those involved; the list is bound by rules of medical confidentiality.

Just 15 hospitals (62%) said they make such a list, and only 12 provide data (without identifying details) on numbers to the council. In most hospitals, said the council, the type of injury is registered but not the cause, so the data they have is often useless in knowing how many suicide attempts they treat.

The ministry also requires the emergency room to summon a staff psychiatrist any time a youngster who attempted suicide reaches the hospital. But the survey found that just 17 of the 21 hospitals actually do this. One hospital said it called a clinical psychologist instead. When the patient is treated and discharged, the psychiatrist must set down on paper a summary of treatment in the hospital and instructions for continuing psychiatric care; he or she must inform the patient's personal physician and the ministry's mental health services. However, just 14 hospitals (58%) do as is required, and in three of them, a social worker is responsible for discharge procedures.

Although the hospital must ensure continuing care in the community, especially by informing the youngster's own doctor, 17 actually fill out a referral form for care in the community, but they don't follow through on seeing that such care is actually given.

The council also found wide variation on reporting standards in the various hospitals. Only three hospitals contacted social services

in the community.

The lack of awareness among hospital personnel is not surprising, since only two hospitals (eight percent) were found to have held special training sessions for staffers on the topic of suicide attempts by minors, even though the ministry requires such training. Asked whether they cited recurring suicide attempts by patients, only five (21%) had data on this. "One must be very concerned that such information critical to the continued treatment of youngsters who have made previous attempts on their life is not available in hospitals," the author of the survey declared.

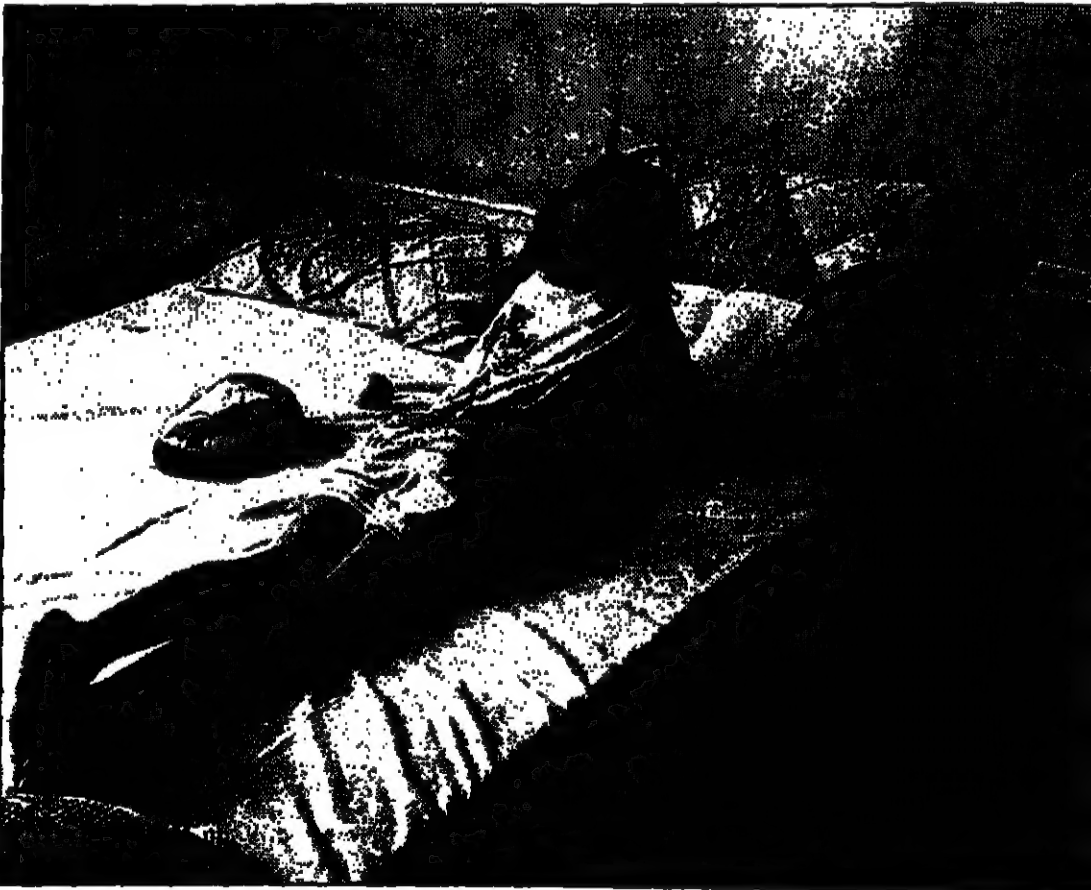
Since only half of the hospitals were able to provide data on child and teenage suicide attempts, the council said that any figures obtained by the ministry vastly underrepresent the actual picture. The ministry's "failures" in this matter are very disappointing, Gilat continued, as the emergency room is a critical spot in which an aware medical team can help troubled youngsters get the help they need; by failing this, they are contributing to the deterioration in their condition, she wrote.

Those hospitals judged by the council as having failed to carry out the procedures properly or at all were: Shaare Zedek, Sheba, Wolfson, Nahariya, Rambam, Meir (it kept records only for those up to age 16), Kaplan (recorded only those aged 16 to 18), Hasharon, Josephthal, St. Vincent's (Nazareth) and Bikur Holim (which stopped keeping records for 18 months because of a "computer failure").

Those that had more data were Sieff, Assaf Harofe (but only about suicide attempts using pills), Barzilai, Bnai Zion, Schneider, Harech, Carmel, Hadassah-Mc, Scopus, and the Scottish Hospitals in Nazareth.

Health Ministry chief psychologist Dalia Gilboa conceded that some of the findings may be true, but she disputed most of them. "We regard this subject as a very important one, and in the past few years, the ministry and numerous hospitals have invested special efforts in dealing with suicide attempts among youth."

Rx FOR READERS



Lying on your stomach can be uncomfortable. (Israel Talby)

Sleeping on either side is fine for your heart

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

I am 40 and somewhat overweight. Is there any one sleeping position that is best for health? S.D., Beersheba.

Prof. Peretz Lavie, dean of the Haifa Technion medical faculty and head of its sleep lab, answers:

The best way for you to sleep is on your side, preferably with knees bent. Lying on your back increases the risk of snoring and puts the most weight on your spine. If you're overweight, lying on your stomach will probably be uncomfortable. Contrary to the notion that lying on the left side is better because of the heart, scientists believe it doesn't matter which side you lie on.

I am a 30-year-old woman and for several years have suffered from recurrent vaginal infections. What causes them, and is there any connection to hygiene? What is the treatment? G.D., Ramat Gan.

I am a 28-year-old woman who has suffered from a number of

repeated vaginal infections. Can these cause cumulative damage to fertility? What are the available treatments? Y.S., Tel Aviv.

Dr. Rahel Adatto-Levy, a senior gynecologist at Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem, replies:

Candida albicans, a fungus, is most common cause of vaginal infections, but one must do a culture to find out the exact cause. This common fungus often multiplies as the result of taking antibiotics, as these drugs can kill beneficial bacteria in the intestine and vagina, and their absence allows *Candida* to flourish. The use of the contraceptive pill can also lead to *Candida* infections, which also are more likely to appear shortly before or after menstruation.

Hygiene is important, as the fungus can spread from the rectum to the vagina, but even if you are very careful, one can still get the infection, which causes itching, discharge and the urge to urinate. The infection does not affect fertility. If there are recurrent bouts, one's sexual partner should be checked as well.

As a preventive measure, I recommend regularly eating bio yogurts, which have *Lactobacillus acidophilus* bacteria that create an acidic environment in the intestine and vagina. Some women use this yogurt or a mixture of vinegar and water in the vagina to increase acidity, but eating it is also very helpful. There are also anti-fungal medications taken orally or vaginally.

Since recurrent vaginal infections are a presenting symptom of adult-onset diabetes, I always send patients for a sugar test.

Rx For Readers welcomes queries from readers about medical problems. Experts will answer those we find most interesting, and replies will be printed in the twice-monthly column on the Health Page. Write Rx For Readers, The Jerusalem Post, POB 81, Jerusalem 91000, fax it to (02) 538-9527 or e-mail it to jusie@post.co.il, giving your initials, age and place of residence. Phoned-in queries will not be accepted.

HEALTH SCAN

Protecting yourself against oral cancer

By POST HEALTH REPORTER

Saliva has long been believed vital in rinsing the teeth and oral membranes from food particles and promoting the healing of sores in the mouth. Now it seems saliva may help protect people against oral cancer, while a lack of saliva – which is increasingly common as one grows older – could increase the risk of this type of tumor.

Such indications, at least among lab animals, have been found by researchers at Soroka Hospital in Beersheba.

Prof. Lipa Budner of the hospital's maxillofacial surgery unit, recently did a study on rats that was published in *Oral Oncology*, the *European Journal of Cancer*. They took rats whose salivary glands had been surgically removed and exposed them to a carcinogenic compound called 4-NQO.

When they compared the effects with those in rats with normal salivation, the researchers found those that didn't salivate developed oral cancer much more quickly, and tumors in their mouth were more deadly than those in the salivating rats.

The results – while not necessarily relevant in humans – support theories that saliva has an important role in protecting people against oral cancer. Such tumors are largely a disease of the elderly, with 32% of patients over 70 and 50% aged 50 to 70. Thus, Budner suggests that people with little

saliva visit an ear-nose-and-throat or maxillofacial specialist for regular checkups.

Among those who have little or no saliva are people who have the autoimmune disease Sjogren's disease, cancer patients who are undergoing radiation or chemotherapy that affects the salivary glands, and elderly people in general.

TA MEDICAL TOWER

Within three years, hundreds of patients at Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital will move into a \$40 million, 12-story tower, a quarter of the funds donated by Ted Arison, who recently bought Bank Hapoalim.

The cornerstone-laying ceremony was held recently, attended by the donor, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo.

The tower will replace all the old Ichilov departments, including surgical theaters and a medical library. It was designed by the US architectural firm Cannon, which has much experience in planning hospitals.

BABY RESPIRATOR

A respirator using a new technique recently saved the lives of two premature babies at Bikur Holim Hospital in Jerusalem. The system is based on channeling air at high frequencies – 600 to 1,200 bursts per minute.

This causes vibrations that are absorbed by the lungs without stretching them, unlike the con-

ventional respirators that use high pressure consistently over a long period of time.

Dr. Ilan Gur, a senior physician in the neonatal intensive care unit, said the new system is helpful in that it can ventilate the lungs even when they have suffered damage. It is also useful in case where connecting a premature baby to a regular respirator is liable to cause complications and even endanger life.

The first baby to be saved weighed only 550 grams, while the second, born in the 37th week of pregnancy, suffered from irregular heartbeat and was delivered by cesarean. Both could breathe on their own after being ventilated with the new device.

Meanwhile, Bikur Holim has instituted a new service called Pa'amon with female volunteers to assist women during childbirth. Initiated and headed by Simlami Elzenbach, the service is meant especially for women who have no family nearby. The volunteers are especially important in barefoot families, where the husband does not remain in the delivery room when the actual birth is taking place.

The volunteer is twinned with the pregnant woman when she registers to give birth and she advises her during the last months of pregnancy.

She also makes sure that the new mother has basic equipment for the baby, such as diapers and bottles, and helps organize the birth mila, if necessary.

POST-WAR MALES

Couples in which the man is several years older than the woman are more likely to have a first-born son than a daughter, according to a study by evolutionary biologist John Manning of the University of Liverpool.

He and his colleagues studied birth records from 301 British families, analyzing the age of the parents and the sex of their children.

A recent issue of *Nature* reported that in couples involved in the study: when men were at least five years older than their wives, they had 37 sons and 20 daughters among their firstborn children. Couples in which the wives were one to nine years older than their husbands had 14 sons and 29 daughters.

This pattern didn't show up in second-borns. The researchers could only hypothesize about biological or evolutionary pressures that might cause this.

"Rank in many animals," the researchers declared, "is related to the sex of their offspring."

During and shortly after periods of war or financial difficulty, the number of males born in a society tends to outnumber the number of females. One possible explanation for this phenomenon is that women may tend to marry older men during troubled times, either because there's a shortage of younger men or the women's concerns about their well-being impel them to find men with more resources.

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Marlins need to hook one more

Florida edges Cleveland 8-7 for 3-2 World Series lead

CLEVELAND (AP) — Thanks to their lucky charm Orel Hersher, the Florida Marlins are just one win away from their first World Series title.

Moises Alou shook Orel and the Indians with another three-run homer, and rookie Livan Hernandez and the Marlins held off Cleveland 8-7 Thursday night to give Florida a 3-2 edge.

The 22-year-old Hernandez, boosted by some Cuban food sent earlier in the day from Miami by singer Gloria Estefan, allowed seven hits and left in the ninth. Reliever Robb Nen gave up David Justice's two-run single and Jim Thome's RBI single before finishing for his second save.

"I have faith in Robb that he'll get the job done," Alou said.

Hernandez beat the 39-year-old Hersher for the second time in the Series and improved to 4-0 in the postseason.

The Marlins, who defeated Hersher in their first-ever game as a franchise in 1993, now head home with a chance to become the youngest expansion team to win the World Series.



CALL STANDS — Indians 2B Bip Roberts (l) appeals a safe call on Moises Alou who, he claimed, overslid the base on an 8th-inning steal. Alou later scored the Marlins' seventh run.

Game 6 was set for last night in the warmup of Pro Player Stadium. Chad Ogea was slated to pitch against Florida's Kevin Brown in a rematch of Game 2, won by the Indians.

The never-say-quit Indians tried to rally in the ninth. Bip Roberts reached when first base umpire Ken Kaiser did not see Hernandez tagging the bag while covering on a grounder and Omar Vizquel singled. That knocked out Hernandez after 142 pitches.

Nen, who struggled in a 14-11 victory in Game 3, gave up the hits to Justice and Thome before Sandy Alomar, who had homered and driven in four runs, flied out short of the warning track in right.

A sellout crowd of 44,888

appeared ready to cheer the Indians within one victory of their first championship since 1948. That was until Alou, who hit a three-run homer off Hersher in a Game 1 win, struck again for a two-out shot in the sixth that made it 6-4 and silenced Jacobs Field.

Alou also singled and scored in the eighth and got his fourth RBI of the night and ninth in five games with another single in the ninth.

The Indians and their fans now must hope they can win Games 6 and 7 on the road, a feat that no team has accomplished since Pittsburgh did it at Baltimore in 1979.

Hernandez looked lost early, pawing at the mound and seemingly distracted by the Indians' tactics of stepping in and out of

the batter's box. Alomar's four RBIs gave him 10 in five games and put Cleveland ahead 4-2 after three innings.

Hernandez, the MVP of the NL championship series, allowed only three hits after the third inning. He

overcame eight walks, and escaped his biggest jam when he got Marquis Grissom on a grounder with two runners on base to end the eighth with Florida ahead 7-4.

Grissom's grounder surely made it feel much colder for Cleveland fans than the 46 degrees at game-time, a big improvement over the snowy conditions for Game 4.

Hersher once again looked nothing like the pitcher who has won MVP awards in the World Series, ALCS and NLCS. Tagged for a record-tying seven earned runs in the opener, he allowed six runs in 5 1/3 innings.

A single by Gary Sheffield and a walk to Bobby Bonilla set up Alou's homer. A bases-loaded walk by reliever Eric Plunk made it 7-4 late in the sixth.

Alomar, whose three-run homer in the third went deep into the left-field seats, set a couple of postseason records with his shot, albeit he had the benefit of an extra round of playoffs. His 19 RBIs are three more than Fred McGriff's mark from last year, and his five home runs are the most by a catcher, breaking Gene Tenace's total from 1972.

In addition, Alomar became the first player to hit home runs in his own ballpark in both the All-Star game and World Series.

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Cleveland 013 000 003-7 90
Livan Hernandez, RHP (7) and Orel Hersher, RHP (7) are the starting pitchers for the Marlins and Indians, respectively. Hernandez is 4-0 in the Series, Hersher is 1-1. The Marlins lead the Series 3-2.

Florida (Brown 14-9)
Today: Cleveland (Hays 11-11) at Florida (Lester 11-9), if necessary

WORLD SERIES

Saturday, Oct. 18: Florida 7, Cleveland 4
Sunday, Oct. 19: Cleveland 6, Florida 1
Tuesday, Oct. 21: Florida 14, Cleveland 11
Wednesday, Oct. 22: Cleveland 10, Florida 3
Thursday, Oct. 23: Florida 8, Cleveland 7
Florida leads series 3-2
Last night: Cleveland (Ogea 8-9) at Florida (Brown 14-9)
Today: Cleveland (Hays 11-11) at Florida (Lester 11-9), if necessary

Manchester Utd in 1st after 'demolition derby'

LONDON (Reuters) — A first half hat-trick by Andy Cole helped Manchester United to a 7-0 demolition of Barnsley yesterday, as the champions eased back to the top of the Premier League.

Ryan Giggs (two), Paul Scholes and Karel Poborsky completed the thrashing as United moved to 25 points — two above Arsenal who play Aston Villa today.

Blackburn kept Arsenal on goal difference after a 1-1 draw at Newcastle.

Liverpool were also in the goals, beating Derby 4-0 while Southampton moved off the bottom after coming from behind to beat Tottenham 3-2.

Crystal Palace continued their impressive away form with a 3-1 win at Sheffield Wednesday, Wimbledon beat Leeds 1-0 while Coventry against Everton finished goalless. Bolton play Chelsea today.

Manchester United were always likely to beat Barnsley but even by their recent high standards this was a superb show.

"That kind of performance doesn't happen very often, when they come you relish them — it was breathtaking," said United manager Alex Ferguson. "The speed and

the making of the goals was superb."

Cole, who missed several decent chances against Feyenoord in midweek, was back to his clinical best with three well-taken first half goals.

Giggs was also on target with a fearsome drive as half time came with United 4-0 up.

The champions did not let up after the break and could easily have had double figures.

Ferguson was particularly happy for Cole, who has never really sparked since his £6-million move from Newcastle in the 1994-95 season.

"I'm not a bit surprised he got a hat-trick — he creates chances all the time," said the manager. "Everyone was pleased for him."

Liverpool played some neat soccer on the way to ending Derby's seven-match unbeaten run with two goals by Robbie Fowler and one each for Oyvind Leonhardsen and Steve McManaman.

Fowler got them moving and Leonhardsen's first for the club made it 2-0. Fowler then blazed a penalty over the bar after Michael Owen was felled but made amends with his second soon

after.

McManaman, back to his best wide on the left, completed the victory with a rare header.

"We've taken some criticism, much of it deserved, and the response today was excellent," said manager Roy Evans, highly frustrated after the midweek debacle in France.

"We asked them to go out and show their commitment to the club and they did that. We deserved what we got today," he added.

Blackburn kept up their good form but had to come from behind at Newcastle.

Keith Gillespie put the hosts ahead after 27 minutes but Chris Sutton's 11th of the season earned a valuable point.

New Southampton signing David Hirst scored two on his home debut as the bottom club twice came from behind to beat Tottenham.

Portuguese striker Jose Dominguez put Spurs ahead with a brilliant 30-meter shot only for Ramon Vega to level the score with an own goal.

David Ginola restored Spurs' lead in the 65th minute but Hirst turned it Saints' way.

Wimbledon beat Leeds with a 29th-minute Neal Ardley penalty while goals from Hermann Hreidarsson, Simon Rodger and Neil Shipperley earned Crystal Palace their fourth away win.

Premier League

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manchester United	12	7	4	1	23	6	25
Arsenal	11	6	5	0	27	10	23
Blackburn	10	6	5	1	22	10	21
Chelsea	10	6	1	3	25	14	19
Liverpool	11	5	3	3	29	12	18
Leicester	11	5	3	3	14	9	18
Derby	11	5	3	3	15	17	17
Leeds	12	4	5	3	15	17	17
Wimbledon	12	4	4	4	14	15	16
Newcastle	9	5	1	5	15	17	16
West Ham	11	4	5	3	15	17	16
Crystal Palace	12	4	4	4	12	15	15
Aston Villa	11	4	4	3	12	14	15
Tottenham	12	3	4	5	11	16	13
Coventry	12	2	7	3	8	13	13
Everton	11	3	3	5	14	12	12
Southampton	12	3	1	8	11	20	10
Sheff Wed	12	2	3	7	19	29	9
Barnsley	12	2	0	9	9	35	6
Bolton	11	1	5	4	8	15	8

Division One

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Nottingham Forest	14	8	3	2	18	10	27
Swindon	14	7	5	2	17	12	25
West Brom Albion	13	7	3	3	17	12	24
Birmingham	13	6	5	2	16	14	23
Charlton	13	6	4	3	17	18	22
Sheff United	11	6	4	1	18	9	22
Hull City	11	6	3	2	20	12	21
Millwall	11	6	3	2	14	11	21
Sunderland	13	6	2	5	17	19	20
Stockport	14	5	4	5	22	21	19
Wolves	14	5	4	5	16	19	19
Birmingham	13	5	4	4	15	18	19
Port Vale	14	5	3	6	19	18	18
QPR	14	5	3	6	17	15	18
Crewe	14	4	3	7	15	21	15
Northampton	14	4	3	7	14	24	14
Reading	14	4	3	7	12	23	14
Leeds	11	3	3	5	19	20	12
Tranmere	13	3	3	7	14	20	10
Manchester City	11	2	4	7	16	22	10
Preston	13	2	5	6	16	25	9
Huddersfield	13	2	5	6	16	25	9

Division Two

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Walsley	14	10	2	2	23	10	32
Northampton	14	7	5	2	16	9	26
Gillingham	14	7	3	4	15	24	24
Millwall	12	7	2	3	18	11	23
Walsley	14	6	3	5	23	20	21
Northampton	14	6	3	5	20	21	21

Hapoel Tel Aviv take control at top

By AMMANIAH DE VRIES, DEREK FATTAL and ORI LEWIS

Maccabi Tel Aviv notched their first win of the current campaign yesterday, while undefeated Hapoel Jerusalem were knocked out of second place, losing for the first time this season to eleventh-placed Maccabi Petah Tikva in the National Soccer League.

Hapoel Tel Aviv continue to lead the pack, now enjoying a two-point advantage over Betar Jerusalem who have caught up to second place, with Maccabi and Hapoel Haifa a further point back.

Betar Jerusalem showed that they are hot favorites to retain their title when they scored an emphatic 5-1 win over Hapoel Ashdod. Goals by Nir Sivilla, Itzhak Haim, Alon Harazi and Itzhak Pishonit with two strikes saw Jerusalem on their way as they closed in on the league leaders. George Achivadze equalized for Ashdod in the first half after Sivilla gave Betar the lead, but in the second half it was all one-way traffic as the Betar machine moved into high gear.

The first half of the Maccabi Petah Tikva-Hapoel Jerusalem match passed almost without incident. But in the second, things got hotter, and in the 67th minute, Roman Filipchuk put a controversial shot, possibly from an offside position, past Liran Strauber to give Petah Tikva the lead. From that moment, the hosts turned up the heat as Hapoel Jerusalem remained stunned and rapidly lost confidence. In the 72 minute Petah Tikva's Ofir Cohen made it 2-0 off of a pass which crossed the entire Jerusalem goal box without a single defender touching it. Only Meir Bokovza's goal in the 90th minute helped the Jerusalemites regain some measure of dignity.

Bottom-of-the-table Hapoel Beit She'an came close to causing a major upset at home, but in the end settled for a 1-1 draw with Maccabi Haifa. The hosts held on to the 1-0 lead all the way into two minutes of injury time before Haifa struck the equalizer.

Leaders Hapoel Tel Aviv remained undefeated, winning 2-1 away to Ironi Ashdod.

Ofir Shitrit put Tel Aviv on the scoreboard in the 28th minute but the second half remained scoreless until substitute and national youth squad member Pini Balali scored in the 81st minute after only eight minutes on the field.

Amir Turjeman kept Ashdod in the game by reducing the arrears in the 82nd minute and with one minute to the finish, Yigal Strim missed a great chance to equalize.

Maccabi Tel Aviv earned their first full quota of points this season by beating Maccabi Herzliya 2-1 at home. Both the hosts' goals came from the boot of Chilean International Rodrigo Goldberg, in the 65th and 73rd minutes. Oleg Neduda scored Herzliya's consolation goal a minute from time.

National League

Team	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hapoel Tel Aviv	4	4	0	0	11	3	12
Betar Jerusalem	4	4	0	0	11	3	12
Maccabi Haifa	4	3	1	0	15	8	10
Hapoel Haifa	4	3	1	0	12	7	10
Hapoel Jerusalem	4	3	1	0	11	3	10
Hapoel Petah Tikva	4	2	2	0	11	3	8
Ironi Ashdod	4	2	2	0	11	3	8
Maccabi Tel Aviv	4	2	2	0	11	3	8
Ironi Rishon LeZion	4	2	3	0	10	2	9
Hapoel Beer Sheva	4	3	0	1	11	4	9
Hapoel Ashdod	4	2	4	0	16	9	8
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	4	2	1	1	12	7	7
Maccabi Tel Aviv	4	1	3	0	10	3	6
Bnei Yehuda	4	1	3	0	11	4	6
Hapoel Be'er Sheva	4	1	3	0	12	6	6
Maccabi Herzliya	4	1	2	1	9	4	5

SPORTS

in brief

Villeneuve, Schumacher duel for top honors

JEREZ, Spain (AP) — With the world drivers' championship at stake, Michael Schumacher and Jacques Villeneuve battled for, and won, front-row positions for today's European Grand Prix, the circuit's season-ending race.

Three drivers — Villeneuve, Schumacher and Heinz-Harald Frentzen — drove the 2.751-mile course in the exact same time to the thousandth of a second: in 1 minute 21.072 seconds.

Because Villeneuve was the first to turn his lap, he takes the inside pole position.

Villeneuve, who is one point behind two-time world champion Schumacher in the drivers' standings, must finish ahead of the German in one of the first six point-scoring positions today to win the championship. Otherwise, Schumacher takes the title.

The sport's governing body warned the drivers to not intentionally knock a competitor out of the race in a crash.

Korda to face Kraljick in Eurocard finals

STUTTGART (AP) — Petr Korda upset Patrick Rafter, the US Open champion yesterday, to set up a clash with big-serving Richard Krajicek in the final of the Eurocard Open.

Korda's fluid game proved too steady for the more erratic Rafter and Korda needed just two sets and 90 minutes to win 6-4, 7-6 (7-5).

Krajicek, the 1996 Wimbledon champion, overcame Jonas Bjorkman 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Rafter, currently ranked No. 3 in the world, would have moved up to No. 2 had he won the tournament. The Australian was the highest-ranked player left in the \$2.05 million event.

FA blames Italians for crowd trouble

LONDON (AP) — The Football Association on Friday blamed Italian authorities for the disturbances at the Italy-England World Cup qualifier in Rome, accusing police of deliberate intimidation and provocation of English fans.

Clashes between English fans and Italian police took place before, during and after the October 11 game at Rome's Olympic Stadium. Millions of television viewers saw baton-wielding police charging and beating fans during the game.

The match ended in a 0-0 tie, allowing England to qualify for next year's World Cup in France. Italy faces a two-leg playoff against Russia for a berth in the finals.

The Worm signs anew with Bulls

CHICAGO (AP) — Dennis Rodman put off retirement by signing a one-year contract with the two-time defending NBA champions Chicago Bulls on Thursday. "I really don't need to go back to this ... game," Rodman said. "The players and the people of Chicago, they gave me a lot, so I figured I might as well come back and give them one more year."

The terms of the contract were not made public.

Report: NHL Oilers sold to Houston buyer

EDMONTON (AP) — The NHL's Edmonton Oilers have been sold to the owner of the NBA's Houston Rockets, the Edmonton Journal reported Friday.

According to sources, Rockets' boss Les Alexander would purchase the team for about \$85 million and keep it in Edmonton for a minimum of three years.

If the Oilers make money during that period, the team would stay in the Western Canadian city indefinitely. If the team loses money, it would move to Houston at the end of the three-year period, the Journal reported.

Pakistan in command of 3rd Test

FAISALABAD (Reuters) — Pakistan captured two quick South African second innings wickets after establishing a lead of 69 to take command of the third and deciding cricket Test yesterday.

When day light stopped play on the second day three overs early, South Africa, who scored 239 in the first innings, were struggling at 21 for two in their second knock after dismissing the home side for 308 an hour after tea at Faisalabad's Iqbal Stadium. The first two Tests, hit by rain, were both drawn.

Friedman, Hein, Shentalis win on waves

Gai Friedman, the bronze medalist from the Atlanta Olympics, won his sixth title at this year's national yachting championships at Sdot Yam in the windsurfing category, taking first place in seven of his nine sails. Tal Mocherov finished second.

In the women's class, Michal Hein won for her eighth time, taking third place overall. Anat Kolodny, the runner-up in this year's world youth championships, was behind Hein and 11th overall.

For their second successive year, the Shental brothers, Nir and Ran, took the honors in the 470-division. Anat Fabrikant and Shani Kedmi were first in this class among the women.

Yosef Yosef and Shachaf Amir, the world youth champions in the 420-division, sailed from fifth place on the second day to the eventual top position.

Heather Chait

Levy, Rosen win national tennis titles

Harel Levy was crowned the new national tennis champion on Friday after he upset last year's winner and top seed Eyal Erlich in a three-set final.

Levy, doing his national service, defeated Erlich 7-6, 3-6, 6-3.

The win rounded off a very successful week for Levy who had also disposed of second seed Raviv Weidenfeld and third seed Lior Mor.

The women's title went to Hila Rosen who beat Nataly Cahana 6-4, 6-4.

Heather Chait

Israel youth side beat San Marino 14-0

By ORI LEWIS

The national youth (under-18) soccer side beat San Marino 14-0 on Friday to secure their place in the final qualifying round for the European championships which will be held in Cyprus next summer. The whopping result, against one of Europe's weakest sides was effectively a foregone conclusion, following the Netherlands' 12-0 win over the hapless San Marinans last Wednesday.

Israel needed a draw to gain a place in the qualifying round following an excellent 2-0 win over the Dutch last Sunday and the three-team group was clearly

going to be contested by one of the two sides. Liron Wilner scored five goals, Rajib Baransi hit a hat trick, Shlomi Dahan and captain Guy Tzoref each scored two and Michael Zandberg and Yossi Benayoun each added one.

Israel ended the tournament top of the group with six points and a 16-0 goal difference, the Dutch were second with three points and a 12-2 mark and disconsolate San Marino had no points and a sad 0-26 tally in the goals columns.

Israel now await the identity of their next opponents — and a much more formidable home-and-away encounter against either Spain or Italy.

SCOREBOARD

Friday's NHL results: NY Rangers 4, Tampa Bay 3; Dallas 2, Chicago 3; Colorado 3, Thursday's results: Philadelphia 4, Calgary 3; Tampa Bay 2, Boston 2; Florida 2, Ottawa 2; New Jersey 2, Montreal 1 (OT); St. Louis 4, Vancouver 3; Phoenix 3, Detroit 4; Los Angeles 1.

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Vikings try to make matters worse for Buccaneers

NEW YORK (AP) - The bye week came just in time for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers to regroup after two losses in a row.

Now the team that had defied its losing tradition with a 5-0 start plays host to Minnesota, the second party in a three-way tie with Green Bay atop the NFC Central.

"It probably came at a good time to let us step back and examine what we were doing well at the beginning of the year," says coach Tony Dungy after a start that made the Bucs, without a winning season since 1982, a national phenomenon.

The Vikings, who lost to the Bucs 28-14 at home, have won three straight. But the biggest break for Minnesota is the health of running back Robert Smith, who has avoided injury for the first time in his five-year career.

He's gained 745 yards and his 5.8-yard average is the best in the NFL for a regular - better than the 5.3 of Detroit's Barry Sanders, whose 80- and 82-yard TD runs beat the Bucs in their last game.

Green Bay (5-2) at New England (5-2) The Packers went into the bye week after barely escaping, 24-23, against wireless Chicago, and Mike Holmgren was quick to assess the blame.

"I was so bound and determined not to let this team become complacent that maybe my approach has created some tough situations for some of my players," he said.

There are fans in New England who think the Pats have coaching problems, too, particularly after Bill Parcells, who deserted after the Patriots' Super Bowl loss, beat them 24-19 with the Jets last Sunday by inserting backup quarterback Glenn Foley at halfback.

Jacksonville (5-2) at Pittsburgh (5-2) This is particularly important for the Steelers, who lost 30-21 in

Jacksonville when Norm Johnson's potential game-winning field goal was blocked and returned for a touchdown on the game's final play. That means if Jacksonville wins this game, it'll have a one-game edge plus a tiebreaker in the AFC Central.

Pittsburgh's strategy has to be to run Jerome Bettis, who tore up the Jaguars in the second half in Jacksonville and had 135 yards against the Ravens last week. Jacksonville's strategy has to be to throw - Mark Brunell, in his first game back from a knee injury, passed for 306 yards in the first meeting.

Dallas (4-3) at Philadelphia (3-4) Some of the Cowboys suggested their troubles were over when they beat Jacksonville last week and Emmitt Smith finally got into the end zone. But Dallas' three losses were division road games to the Cardinals, Giants and Redskins, and another one here wouldn't help them at all.

The Eagles should have won in Dallas. That was the night Tommy Hutton fumbled the snap on a potential game-winning field goal. Hutton held two snaps last week and Chris Boniol tied the game in regulation and won it in overtime against the Cardinals, as QB Rodney Peete made his first start in place of Ty Detmer.

Denver (6-1) at Buffalo (4-3) When the Broncos lost in Oakland, their fans acted like it was the end of the world. In fact, the loss may have been the best thing that could happen - it's better to get upset in the eighth week of the regular season than in the first week of the playoffs.

These certainly aren't the old Bills. But defense is enough to keep them in the playoff race and Eric Moulds, last year's disappointing No. 1 pick, finally showed Monday

night what he can do as a receiver when he's motivated.

Oakland (3-4) at Seattle (4-3) The Raiders have to keep the momentum they gained by beating Denver. The Seahawks, who have won four of five after an 0-2 start, need a solid division win.

Napoleon Kaufman of the Raiders ran for 227 yards last week. Seattle's Steve Brunson, the 30-year-old journeyman who's gained 263 yards in 29 carries, a 9.1 average, may start for the injured Lamar Smith.

Cincinnati (1-6) at New York Giants (5-3) The watchword for the Giants this week is "don't be overconfident," not bad for a team that's surprisingly atop the NFC East but 11-21 the past two seasons.

The Bengals, bickering among themselves, have the same record they had last season when Dave Shula was fired. They have only seven sacks all season (the Giants have 27), which could give Danny Kanell a nice comfort zone.

San Francisco (6-1) at New Orleans (2-6) The 49ers have scored 30 points or more in five straight games, including a 33-7 win over the Saints in San Francisco. But this could be a little dicey: The offensive line is banged up again and the Saints' pass rush is the strength of their defense.

But the New Orleans offense against the Niners' defense is a worse mismatch. Danny Wuerffel is the quarterback for Heath Shuler, each threw three interceptions in the first meeting, when the Saints had nine turnovers.

Chicago (0-7) at Miami (5-2) This could be switched to tomorrow night because of the weekend World Series games at Pro Player Stadium.

The Bears, coming off a bye week, have declared this a new season. The Dolphins, coming off a win in Baltimore, have declared this a new career for Dan Marino, now back in his accustomed place among the game's top quarterbacks.

Baltimore (3-4) at Washington (4-3) The Ravens have lost three

straight, largely because their defense is reverting to its dismal 1996 form. The Redskins have lost seven straight the week after playing Dallas; after beating the Cowboys two weeks ago, they were beaten 28-14 in Tennessee despite having at least half the crowd on their side.

Norv Turner seems to be losing patience with Gus Frierotte, who threw three interceptions against the Oilers, and Jeff Hostetler could surface soon.

Kansas City (5-2) at St. Louis (2-5) The Rams are showing signs of stress. Isaac Bruce, who's missed most of the season with a hamstring pull, was publicly critical of the play-calling after the 17-9 loss to Seattle last week.

The Chiefs are showing signs of containing in the AFC West: They're only a game behind the Broncos now and get them at home in three weeks.

Tennessee (3-4) at Arizona (1-6) Tennessee might have felt right at home, likely to see only about 30,000 in 73,000-seat Sun Devil Stadium if local hero Jake Plummer wasn't starting at quarterback. Now, the stands could be a lot more crowded.

"I haven't given up on the season yet," says Cards coach Vince Tobin, whose team has lost twice by one point, twice in overtime and once by three.

Indianapolis (0-7) at San Diego (3-4) The Colts' last four losses have come by a total of 11 points. But a loss is a loss, and Indianapolis has scored just seven touchdowns all season, one of them on defense.

The Chargers got both quarterbacks hurt in last Thursday's 31-3 loss in Kansas City. But Stan Humphries says he can play after a concussion and Jim Everett will probably be ready, too.

Atlanta (1-6) at Carolina (3-4) The Panthers can salvage a playoff berth if they can win games like this - they still have this one, St. Louis twice, and New Orleans. The defense had the first shutout of the NFL season, 13-0, in New Orleans last week, but the Saints offense was just as responsible.

Dan Reeves has the Falcons playing competitively. They actually had the ball and were just a touchdown behind the 49ers last week after recovering an onside kick. But they couldn't avoid the loss.

National Football League Individual Leaders

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Quarterbacks	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
S. Young, S.E.	132	90	1223	11	3
Johnston, Min.	257	157	1770	15	8
Drew, L.A.	178	104	1246	11	6
Parsons, G.B.	240	138	1487	15	8
Chandler, Atl.	141	77	1050	8	4
Alkanon, Dal.	240	141	1587	11	3
Michael, Dal.	245	153	1905	11	6
Beverlin, Cal.	107	61	697	5	2
Dunn, L.A.	95	44	427	5	3
Z. Deane, Min.	106	106	1206	5	3
Brown, NY-G	171	91	1009	5	3

Rushers	Att	Yds	LG	TD
Sanders, Den.	143	693	53	12
R. Smith, Min.	129	745	58	7
R. Harris, Cal.	148	638	43	6
Levens, G.B.	123	576	48	3
Henry, S.E.	122	545	46	5
E. Smith, Dal.	145	542	39	4
Watters, Phil.	144	540	39	2
Dunn, L.A.	95	446	47	5
Phillips, St. L.	110	401	34	2
Rams, N.O.	89	375	42	7

Receivers	No	Yds	LG	TD
Moore, Den.	57	804	14.1	7
R. Moore, Ariz.	42	674	16.0	4
Carson, Min.	41	469	11.4	3
Byrne, Phil.	40	579	14.5	7
Best, Min.	39	641	16.4	5
Sanders, Ariz.	36	407	11.3	4
Irvin, Dal.	35	573	16.4	5
Horton, Den.	34	454	13.4	3
R. Brooks, G.B.	33	542	16.4	4
Calhoun, NY-G	32	499	15.6	6
Emmanuel, Cal.	32	450	14.1	5

Punt Returners	No	Yds	LG	TD
Sanders, Dal.	25	340	13.6	0
Palmer, Min.	14	175	12.5	0
Schroeder, G.B.	23	284	12.3	4
Tommy, NY-G	32	375	11.7	3
Thompson, S.E.	16	180	11.3	3
Seay, Phil.	11	122	11.1	0
Goldberg, N.O.	23	243	10.6	0
R. Williams, Ariz.	17	163	9.6	0
Oliver, Cal.	12	111	9.3	2
Michael, Was.	13	118	9.1	2

Kickoff Returners	No	Yds	LG	TD
Bates, Cal.	16	493	30.8	5
Goldberg, N.O.	18	484	26.9	10
Levens, NY-G	14	344	26.0	0
Schroeder, G.B.	12	310	25.8	0
Walker, Den.	17	424	24.9	4
Hiltner, Den.	26	615	23.7	0
Staley, Phil.	16	371	23.2	3
R. Williams, Ariz.	19	440	23.2	0
Michael, Was.	22	589	23.1	0
Hughes, Cal.	33	754	22.8	4

Touchdowns	TD	Yds	LG	TD
Carson, Min.	7	0	0	42
R. Harris, Cal.	6	0	0	36
Owens, D.E.	6	0	0	36
Sanders, Den.	6	0	0	36
Kirby, S.E.	5	0	0	34
Almon, T.B.	5	0	0	30
Dunn, L.A.	5	0	0	30
Freeman, G.B.	5	0	0	30
R. Smith, Min.	5	0	0	30
Walt, Cal.	5	0	0	30

Punters	No	Yds	LG	TD
H. Turk, Was.	33	1543	45	45.8
Harmon, G.B.	31	1421	45	45.8
Jac, Den.	41	1854	40	45.2
Gavin, Dal.	35	1579	42	45.1
Barkowski, L.A.	29	1304	41	45.0
Royals, Atl.	41	1828	41	44.6
Berge, Min.	24	1048	45	44.5

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Quarterbacks	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
George, Oak.	220	123	1639	16	4
Madson, N.E.	241	139	1779	17	6
Cheng, Den.	234	122	1609	13	5
Brownell, Min.	150	89	1018	7	3
O'Donnell, NY-G	258	146	1676	12	3
Testaverde, Bal.	285	172	1987	14	9
Marino, Fla.	249	144	1724	6	2
Grube, L.C.	234	138	1516	10	7
Collier, Bal.	186	114	1396	8	7
Stewart, Phil.	157	87	1149	9	8

Rushers	Att	Yds	LG	TD
Davis, Den.	173	861	5.0	50
Betts, Phil.	173	821	4.7	34
Kaufman, Oak.	140	784	5.6	8
George, Min.	167	738	4.4	29
Horton, N.E.	159	726	4.6	70
Harrell, NY-G	168	649	4.0	24
Brooks, S.D.	125	474	3.8	3
A. Smith, Bal.	78	452	5.2	4
Smith, Ind.	117	393	3.4	3
Abel-Johnson, Min.	120	381	3.2	2

Receivers	No	Yds	LG	TD
T. Brown, Oak.	42	642	15.3	59
Moore, L.C.	41	557	13.6	43
Smith, Jac.	39	548	14.4	41
McDuffie, Min.	38	475	12.5	50
Reed, Bal.	36	557	15.5	77
Jackson, Bal.	34	512	14.2	54
McDuffie, Min.	35	516	14.7	58
McDuffie, Bal.	34	465	13.7	43
Alexander, Bal.	34	440	12.9	45
Orndorff, NY-G	33	492	14.9	70

Punt Returners	No	Yds	LG	TD
J. Lewis, Bal.	9	144	14.0	45
Gordon, Den.	15	208	13.9	94
Jordan, Min.	14	173	12.4	38
L. Johnson, NY-G	16	185	11.6	23
Pegette, N.E.	25	289	11.6	35
Peters, Min.	11	117	10.6	18
Walker, Bal.	11	112	10.2	47
Hawes, L.C.	15	135	9.8	22
Gray, Tex.	11	98	8.9	15
Stallion, Ind.	11	86	7.8	20

Kickoff Returners	No	Yds	LG	TD
Blackwell, Phil.	17	507	29.8	97
Hebron, Den.	14	451	28.2	46
Yonover, L.C.	23	437	27.7	94
Glen, NY-G	17	462	27.2	94
Spikes, Min.	12	295	24.6	48
Bell, Ind.	27	662	24.5	41
J. Lewis, Bal.	18	421	23.1	46
Hawes, S.D.	14	334	23.1	46
Howard, Min.	25	574	23.0	42
Howard, Oak.	25	574	23.0	42

Touchdowns	TD	Yds	LG	TD
Davis, Den.	8	0	0	54
Stewart, Phil.	8	0	0	48

NFL

East	W	L	T	Pt.	Pt.	Pt.
Miami	5	2	0	714	143	224
New England	5	2	0	714	143	224
N.Y. Jets	5	3	0	423	201	156
Buffalo	4	3	0	571	131	165
Indianapolis	0	7	0	300	94	144

Central	W	L	T	Pt.	Pt.	Pt.
Jacksonville	5	2	0	714	143	224
Pittsburgh	5	2	0	714	143	224
Baltimore	3	4	0	429	174	158
Tennessee	3	4	0	429	174	158
Cincinnati	1	6	0	143	98	199

West	W	L	T	Pt.	Pt.	Pt.
Denver	4	1	0	457	215	110
Kansas City	5	2	0	714	143	224
Seattle	3	3	0	571	131	165
Oakland	3	4	0	429	174	158
San Diego	3	4	0	429	174	158

East	W	L	T	Pt.	Pt.	Pt.
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	423	157	153
Dallas	4	3	0	571	131	165
Washington	4	3	0	571	131	165
Philadelphia	3	4	0	429	174	158
Arizona	1	6	0	143	98	199

Central	W	L	T	Pt.	Pt.	Pt.
Green Bay	5	2	0	714	143	224
San Francisco	5	2	0	714	143	224
Tampa Bay	5	2	0	714	143	224
Detroit	4	4	0	500	180	153
Chicago	0	7	0	300	94	144

West	W	L	T	Pt.	Pt.	Pt.
San Francisco	6	1	0	857	187	98
Carolina	3	4	0	429	174	158
St. Louis	2	5	0	286	113	159
New Orleans	2	6	0	250	118	175
Atlanta	1	6	0	143	98	199

Today's Baltimore at Washington; Cincinnati at NY Giants; Dallas at Philadelphia; Denver at Buffalo; Kansas City at St. Louis; San Francisco at New Orleans; Minnesota at Tampa Bay; Chicago at Miami; Tennessee at Arizona; Indianapolis at San Diego; Jacksonville at NY Jets; Oakland at Seattle; Atlanta at Carolina. Open dates: Detroit, NY Jets Tomorrow; Green Bay at New England

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Hong Kong rebounds; Dow continues plunge

HONG KONG (AP) — A rebound in Hong Kong's stock market could not convince investors worldwide that Asia's economic problems are over, as US stocks dropped and European markets gave up most of their early gains on Friday while most of Asia's markets fell.

In New York, the Dow Jones industrial average, Wall Street's most watched indicator, dropped 90.37 points to 7,757.40 in late morning trading after jumping 92 points to start the day on enthusiasm about the turnaround in Hong Kong's market.

But investors grew uncertain about Hong Kong's future in light of forecasts for a long-term slowdown in the country's influential property market, renewed speculative attacks on its currency and continued high interest rates.

That could mean an overall slowdown of Hong Kong's vibrant economy, although no one is sure how much.

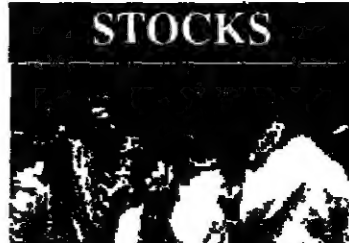
"I wouldn't rule out that the Hong Kong share market will never again see the high of three months ago," said independent investment analyst Marc Faber.

The blue-chip Hang Seng index ended Friday at 11,144.34 points, up 718.04 or 6.88 percent, as investors shopped for shares cheapened by the market's 10% plunge on Thursday. It was Hong Kong's second-biggest plunge since the global 1997 crash.

The surge helped Tokyo's stock market recover. But the Dow industrials, an index of 30 multinational companies whose profits already have been pinched by the mounting economic turmoil in Southeast Asia, retreated as European markets turned mixed.

Stocks in London finished lower after a morning rally fizzle in the late afternoon. The Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index closed with a loss of 21.3 points, or 0.4%, at 4,970.2 on Europe's biggest market. The index peaked during the day at 5,103.2, a gain of 111.7 points.

In Paris, the CAC 40 index also



Dow Jones 7715.41 ▼ 1.69

FTSE 4970.2 ▼ 0.43

Nikkei 17363.74 ▲ 1.24

closed with a small loss.

Frankfurt's DAX index closed with a gain of 1.9%, but its close came before other markets started turning lower in the afternoon.

Confidence in Hong Kong was boosted by talk that local tycoons were buying shares in their companies, investments were flowing in from China and even a government-backed fund was buying.

Small-time investors crowded around public screens to watch the market moves but showed no signs of panic. Many said they planned to hold on to their shares until prices rebounded.

Others noted that Thursday's crash followed a year of giddy rises past the 16,000 mark, which some economists had said was excessive. The market had been in the 12,000 range one year ago, not dramatically higher than Friday's final 11,144.34 level.

Newspapers forecast tougher times for mortgage payers, restaurants and the luxury car market because of higher interest rates.

"It doesn't have the same feel as the '87 crash," said Colin Bradbury, director of securities at Jardine Fleming.

He said people were less worried about the stock market than the stability of Hong Kong's currency, which the government said had come under speculative attack.

It was the government's efforts to beat back the speculators that

forced higher interest rates, and in turn triggered the stock sell-off.

The Hong Kong Association of Banks raised savings deposit interest rates Friday by 0.75 percentage points to 4.75% — a move widely expected after individual banks lifted their prime lending rates by the same margin Thursday, to 9.5%.

Instead of rushing to pull out their savings in panic, said Bradbury, many investors were boosting their deposits to take advantage of the improved earnings.

The big test will be property prices, he said.

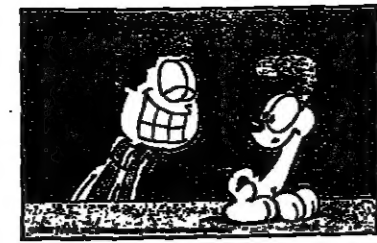
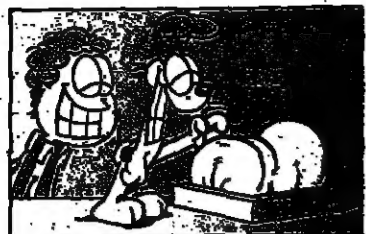
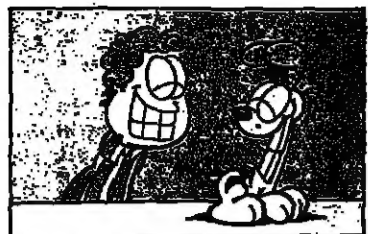
"The buyers will be staying away, and anybody who wants to sell is going to have to drop their price," he said.

Faber predicted a 30% to 50% decline in Hong Kong property prices over the next six months to a year.

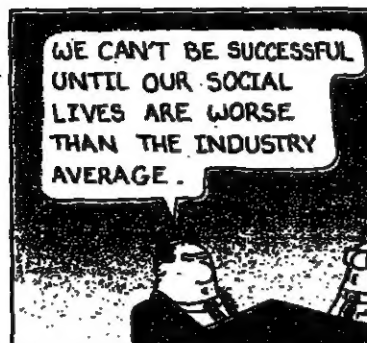
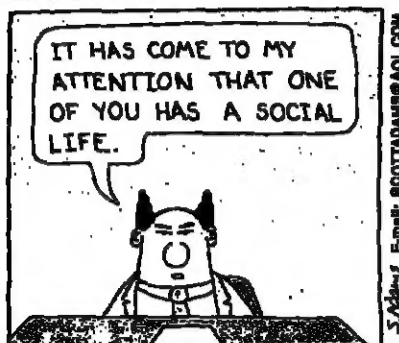
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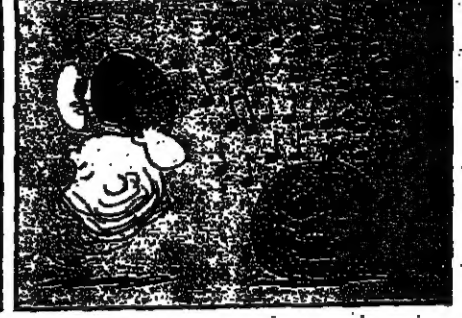
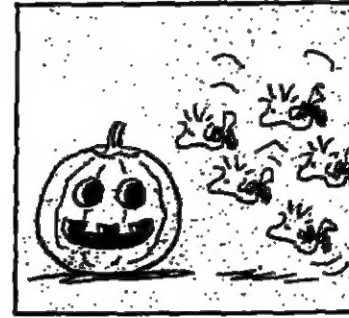
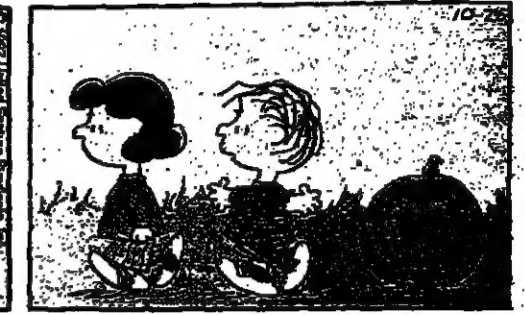
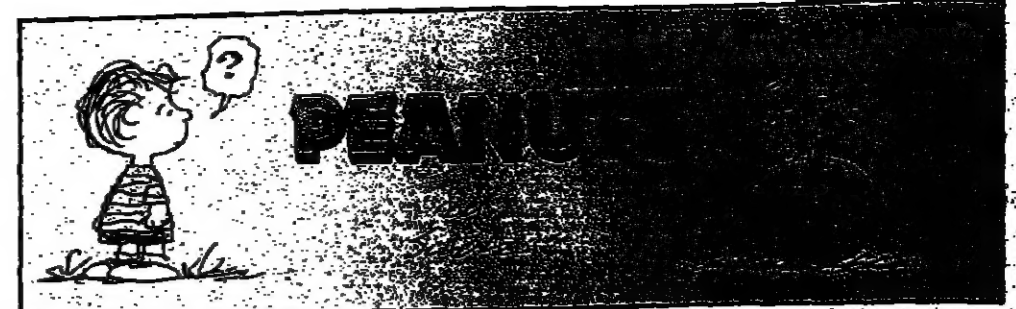
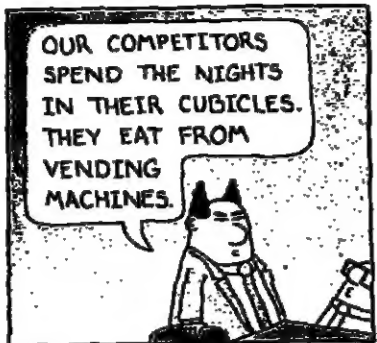
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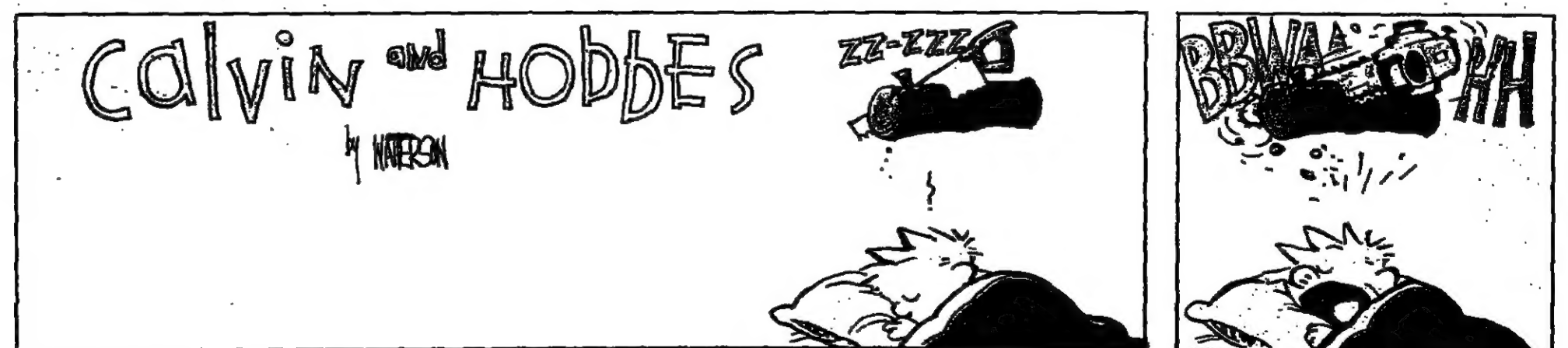
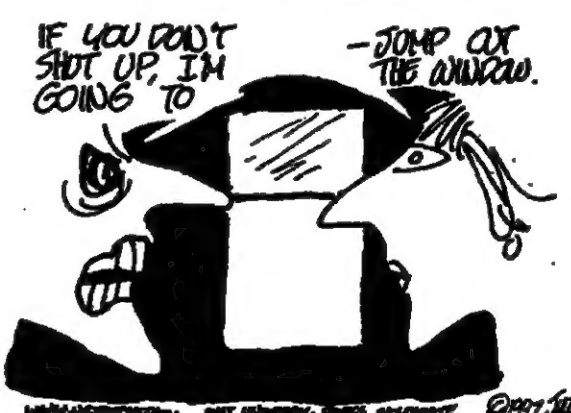
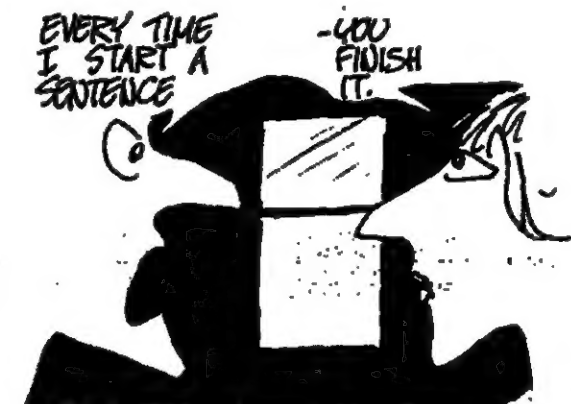
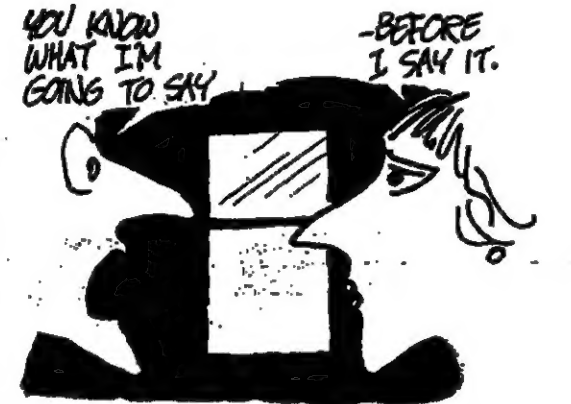
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CRITICS' CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

Heinz Henig leads the Israel Chamber Orchestra in Schubert's fifth mass, Mendelssohn's *Psalm 100*, the Schubert *Magnificat*, and excerpts from Mendelssohn's *Eljah* tonight and tomorrow (8:30) at the Tel Aviv Museum. The Hanover Children's Choir and soloists from Israel and abroad, including alto Edna Prochnik, join as well.

The Israel Andalusian Orchestra performs tonight in Ashdod, Tuesday in Netivot, and Thursday in Hazor (8:30). All concerts under the baton of music director Avi Eilam Amzaleg.

FILM

ADINA HOFFMAN

*** **THE PEACEMAKER** - In its unabashedly formulaic and commercial way, this first film by the DreamWorks studio is an entertaining bit of pseudo-realistic escapism. The movie stars George Clooney and Nicole Kidman as an intelligence officer in the US Army's Special Forces and a White House nuclear expert, respectively, hot on the trail of a batch of stolen nuclear warheads being smuggled through Eastern Europe toward some unknown terrorist target. Directed by Mimi Leder, who got her start behind the camera on ER, the picture blends action and emotion in careful measure and with more than a few tricks borrowed from that successful TV show. To her credit, Leder seems more interested in continuous motion than she does in violence *per se*. The movie has its fair share of high-speed car chase, sudden shoot-outs and late night train hijackings, although for the most part she prefers to steer our gaze away from the really grizzly stuff and cut to what matters on a narrative level. With the Romanian actor Marcel Iures as a surprisingly human bad guy, (English dialogue with some Russian and Serbo-Croatian, Hebrew subtitles. Children under 17 not admitted without an adult.)

*** **CONTACT** - Based on the novel by Carl Sagan and directed by Robert Zemeckis, this may well be the most self-important sci-fi movie ever made - which is not to say that it's not enjoyable. Blending piety and camp in peculiar measure, the movie manages to hold its first by means of skillful storytelling and the sturdy, thoughtful presence of Jodie Foster in the role of Ellie Arroway, the atheistic radio astronomer whose determination to find signs of extraterrestrial life is rewarded when



Nicole Kidman stars as an expert on nuclear smuggling in "The Peacemaker."

she begins to receive transmissions from the star Vega. As the picture goes on, and Ellie, Bill Clinton and the rest of the world must decide how exactly to respond to these celestial halloos, the film moves into high goofy gear, asking gargantuan questions about Science, God and Truth as it loads on both the super-duper special effects and the squishy sentimentality. With Matthew McConaughey, James Woods, as well as the American president and a host of real-life TV personalities as themselves. (English dialogue, Hebrew subtitles. Parental guidance suggested.)

TELEVISION

ELANA CHIPMAN

Those who prefer the slow unraveling of British style drama to the fast, violent American style should enjoy the six-part BBC drama *Crow Road* airing tonight on Channel 1 at 10:35. This is the story of the McHoon family and, more particularly, the 20-year-old student, Prentice, who is searching for the answer to the big questions in life. Prentice is also searching for his long-lost uncle Rory, basing his search on a diatribe he found with some of Rory's last writings. This quest takes Prentice on a journey through the events that surrounded the family over the past 30 years. With Joseph McPadden and Bill Paterson.

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6:30 News flash
6:31 News in Arabic
6:45 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 Globe Watch
8:30 Destinos
9:00 Science and Math
10:00 Pretty Butterfly
11:00 Environment
11:30 Animals of the Mediterranean
12:00 Math
12:30 Communication
13:00 Math
13:30 Cartoons
15:00 Pretty Butterfly

CHANNEL 2

15:30 Pink Panther
15:55 Super Ben
16:00 The Road to Avonlea
16:25 Super Ben
16:55 A New Evening
17:34 Zippy Wave
18:00 Super Ben
18:15 News in English

ARABIC PROGRAMS

16:30 Amal and Karam's Studio
16:00 News

HEBREW PROGRAMS

19:30 News flash
19:31 Home Improvement: The New York Times
20:00 News
20:45 A Moment in Life - traffic offenses caught by police cameras
20:50 Second Look
21:40 World Soccer
22:35 Crow Road - new British drama about the events affecting the lives of the MacHoon family in Western Scotland. With Joseph McPadden, Bill Paterson and Gavin Miller
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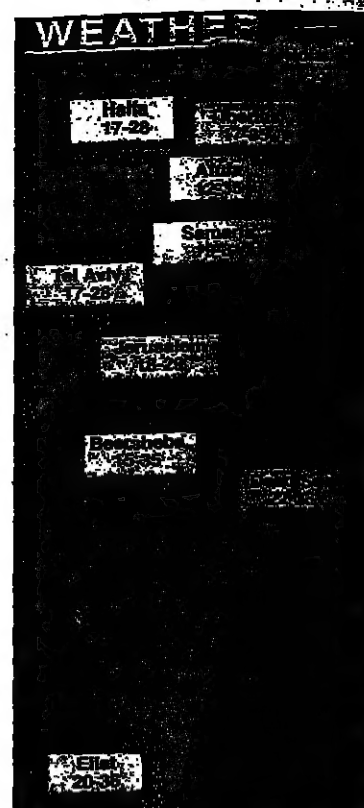
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Labor, Meretz mull no-confidence vote

Cohen said his party's main goal in the winter session of the Knesset would be to topple Netanyahu's government by democratic means. He also accused Netanyahu of incitement, saying his statement to Kadourie is "behavior not becoming a decent and responsible premier, but that of a populist demagogue speaking from balconies."



US: Ease up on Swiss banks

In July, the Swiss Bankers Association published lists of thousands of names of foreigners whose war-era bank accounts remain unclaimed. The second list, of Swiss nationals' dormant accounts, is to be published on Wednesday.

European insurers: Halt Holocaust suit

information with respect to the claims of the Generali plaintiffs," according to the motion. "This information establishes indisputably that none of the Generali plaintiffs has a claim that exceeds \$75,000 exclusive of interest."

German soldiers probed over neo-Nazi video

The investigation has sparked a debate between the Defense Ministry and the Justice Ministry over screening recruits for right-wing tendencies before they begin mandatory military service.

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Geneva	00	52	50	50	50	close
Hong Kong	05	26	77	27	81	close
Jakarta	12	04	24	25	72	close
London	05	05	41	12	54	close
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In Friday's daily Chance drawing, the winning numbers were the nine of clubs, the 10 of hearts, the ace of diamonds and the jack of spades.

DC police sued over treatment of Jews at rally

A park policeman told them to leave, because they were inciting a riot, or else they would be arrested, Torossian said. They were demonstrating on behalf of AMCHA, a group led by Rabbi

A long breakfast at the beach

multinational community has given the Israeli breakfast its richness." An Israeli hotel breakfast typically includes assorted cheeses, fresh vegetables, smoked fish, eggs, and various breads.


The event was held under the auspices of the Greater Tel Aviv Chefs Association, the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Tourism Association, and the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Municipality, and was sponsored by Strauss Dairies.

"An event like this is good for tourism," said Mayor Ronni Milo. "It gives us worldwide publicity. This is the point of this very special and unique

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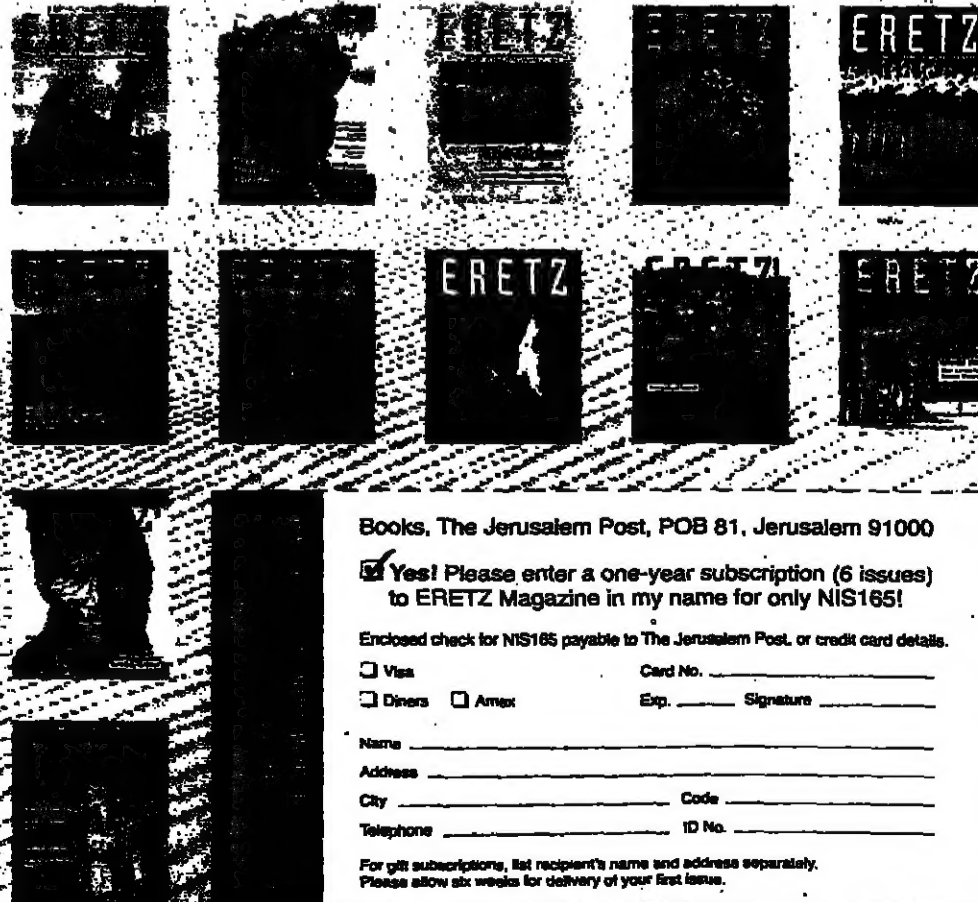
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